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18th „	OCEANA	6610		
25th „	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9505
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8th „	CALEDONIA	7858	VICTORIA	6523
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21st „	CALEDONIA	7858	MOOLTAN	9621
28th „	PERSIA	7951		
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	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 0	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are advised that the EXCURSION TRAINS to Surat will not RUN on SATURDAY, the 21st and 28th Instant. The corresponding return trains from Surat on MONDAY, the 23rd and 30th Idem, will also be cancelled.

C. CROMMELIN,
General Traffic Manager.

GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
BOMBAY, 14th DECEMBER 1907.

HAMPER No. 1.—4 lbs. Agra ham, 4 lbs. corned beef, 6 lbs. potatoes, 1 cabbage, 4 lbs. carrots, 2 beet-roots, Rs. 4-8; No. 2.—2 lbs. Agra bacon, 2 salted ox tongues, 6 lbs. potatoes, 6 knolkohls, 4 lbs. carrots, 2 beet-roots, Rs. 3-8. Cash with order no V. P. P. Carriage to be paid.

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No Concession Tickets will be issued over the Neral-Matheran Steam Tramway.

Full particulars of the concession allowed over other Railways can be obtained at stations or from the Undersigned.

A. C. RUMBOLL,
Ag. General Traffic Manager.
BOMBAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1907.

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF CHARLES RICHARD MARCKS, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed CHARLES RICHARD MARCKS deceased, who died at No 1 Avenue du Haut Pont, Saint Gilles, Brussels, Belgium, on or about the the 29th day of July 1906 and Letters of Administration with Will annexed of whose estate having effect throughout the Province of Bombay were granted on the 22nd day of November, 1907, to Walter William Procter, Esquire, of Bombay, one of the duly constituted attorneys of Matnilde Louise Graffe, widow of the said deceased, the residuary legatee named in the said Will and Rodolphe Meyhoffer de Felice, the surrogated guardian of Miss Edith Helene Marcks, Miss Marguerite Ida Marcks, Miss Irene Violette Marcks, Mr. Raymond Carlo Gaston Marcks and Miss Yvonne Marie Mathilde Marcks, the minor children of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in their claims to the said administrator at the Office of Messrs. Crawford Brown and Company, its attorneys, at No 24 Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within one calendar month from the date hereof, at the expiration of which time the said administrator will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.—Dated this 23rd day of November, 1907.

CRAWFORD BROWN & Co.,
Administrator's Attorneys.

NOTICE.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY TRAIN DE LUXE.

TO SUIT the convenience of LOCAL RESIDENTS, this Train will leave BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, December 21st instead of on Tuesday 24th, halting at Ahmedabad, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jaipur, Delhi and Agra, leaving Agra on return journey on the 31st and arriving Bombay Thursday, January 2nd (morning). The charge for Tickets, inclusive of meals in Train (liquor excepted), is Rs. 200 each person servant's fare extra.

RESIDENCE IN TRAIN.—Dining Car, Parlour Car, Bath-rooms, Sleeping Compartments are fitted with Electric Light. Only 2 persons' berth in each compartment. European attendant in charge of Train. Luggage and servants' carriages attached.

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CONSIGNEES of CARGO per P. and O. S. N. Company's S. S. "DEVANHA," from JAPAN, CHINA, STRAITS and COLOMBO, are hereby informed of the VESSEL'S arrival, and requested to take immediate delivery of their goods landed at "A" Shed, Prince's Dock.

The Company's Surveyor, Mr. Whittell, will attend every morning to survey damaged packages All claims in this respect must be preferred to the Undersigned, within seven days from the date of discharge, and Bills should be presented for payment within one month from the Steamer's arrival, otherwise they will not be entertained.

No Surveys will be held on Bag Cargo packed in Single Gunnies only, or on Goods removed from the Landing Shed.

W. C. SYMES,
Superintendent,
P. and O. S. N. COMPANY.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND at the rate of Rs 60 (Rupees sixty) per Share, for the year ended 30th June, 1907, will be paid on and after MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1907, at the Registered office of the Company, Oriental Buildings Hornby Road, Fort, between the hours of 12 noon and 4 P. M. (S. T.), to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of Shareholders on the 2nd December, 1907, on production of Share-certificates.

LAKHMIDAS KHIMJI SONS & CO.,
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BOMBAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1907.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Scarthoe 2,536 tons, Captain H Clergy, which arrived in harbour on Sunday from cardiff, brought a cargo of coal.

THE Rubattino S N Co's steamer Capri 2,717 tons Captain P Dominico will sail to-day for H ngkong with a general cargo and 7 cabin and 15 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer I ola 3,401 tons Captain A E Stebbing sailed yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Company's Madura, 1,273 tons, Captain G Elton, sailed on Monday for Persian Gulf, &c., with a general cargo and 3 cabin and 95 deck passengers.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer Imperator, 2,819 tons, Captain F Moses, sailed on Monday for Trieste, &c., with a general cargo and passengers.

THE Hansa Line steamer Argenfels, 3,561 tons, Captain R Feltrup, arrived in harbour on Monday from New York, with a cargo of Kerosine oil.

THE steamer Chia, 3,355 tons, Captain A de Perris, arrived in harbour yesterday from Kobe, with a general cargo and 4 cabin and 4 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra 762 tons, Captain J T Hirst, sailed on Monday for Karachi via Porebunder Dwarka and Cutch Mandvie, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE Japan Line steamer Kagoshima Maru 2,731 tons Captain K Kori with arrived in harbour on Sunday from Yokohama &c, brought a general cargo and 1 cabin passenger.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kaisar, 505 tons, Captain F Chapp ll arrived in harbour on Sunday from Basrah via Karachi &c with a general cargo 38 cases opium 43 horses and 13 natives and 380 deck passengers.

THE City Line steamer City of Glasgow, 4,111 tons, Captain W Grehburn, arrived inharbour on Monday from Glasgow, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE P and O Company's steamer Devanha which arrived in Bombay harbour on Sunday from Shanghai &c., brought the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Sinks, Mrs M Scott, Mr C Perazno, Lieut Malvan, Mr Fitzwilliams, Mrs Adams, Mrs de Wilton and child, Mr Hamilton Balfa, Mr R A Bowser, Miss Chinisky, Miss Latham, Mr and Mrs Stevenson, Mr Gordon, Mr Hislin, Mrs Pestonji and child, Mr and Mrs Koshoda, Mr C F Kamara, Mr and Mrs Bruksyana and infant, Mr Newman, Mr J A Pesayer, Col Grall, Miss Buckley, Mr Legnot, Mrs Shorter and 2 children and 4 deck passengers.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—DEC. 16.

Argonauta	3571 Feltrup	Glen & Co
Berks	2971 Poles	R A Wills
Devonia	22 1 Middleton	K Nixon & Co
Ipswich	615 Pelling	Shah S N Co
Investigator		S Mamoojee & Co
Kaisar	505 Chappell	P Gulf M M & Co
Lanfranc	2457 Austin	M M & Co
Mahanadi	1606 McCabe	T Morrison & Co
Nizami	2941 Forms	P & O Co
Oriental	3 85 Pilmer	A Strande
President	2047 Tape	K Nixon & Co
Rydal H H	2189 Fraser	Shah S N Co
Sh h nshir	2 5 Ma	Bombay Co
Sanctoria	2328 Wahl	M M & Co
Scarthoe	2536 Clergy	
Warora	2709 Du ier	

VESSELS IN DOCK—DEC. 16.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents
A Devanha	4785	Hilde	Shanghai	24-12	P & O Co
B Gan Mackintosh	2 43	Lennox	Glasgow	9 1-06	F Muir & Co
C & D Ocha le	3527	Bradley	Hull	20-12	P Muir & Co
E & E Barbilian	250	Davies	Marseilles	23-12	M M & Co
F Gonvernent	2646	Burtonster	Durban	19-1	A Shandes
K Shanghai Maru	2457	Takada	Kobe	17-12	N Y Kishin
M Mazagon	3279	Ho gson	Repairing		M M & Co
N Hampton	27 0	Courtney	Delfa elphia	19-12	R A Wills
O Barsalie	2301	Kenley	Philadelphia	21-12	R A Wills
P Tweed Hall	2458	Hood	Liverpool	21-12	K Nixon & Co
Q Bhoosi	2305	Watson	Jeddah	17-12	B & P S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1 Mailed	1820	Coates	Mauritius	24-12	B & P S N Co
2 Britania	6705	Abrey	Liverpool	17-12	W & A G & Co
3 Shanghai	2784	Bolding	Shanghai	17-12	P & O S N Co
5 Umbilah	2145	Richards	Antwerp	21-12	R A Wills
7 John H Barry	20 2	Ellis	Hull	21-12	W and A G and Co
8 Sicilia	2784	Dini	Genoa	9-12	P S N Co
9 Kyebok	3178	Van Thuren	Kobe	17-12	Glads & Co
10 & 11 Caledonia	5 29	Tocque	London	82-05	P and O Co
12 Arabia	4167	Leigh	London	21-12	P & O Co
13 Kagoshima Maru	2 31	Kori	Kobe	20-12	N Y Kishin
16 St Helena	27 8	Robertson	Genoa	31-12	T Mason & Co

Offside N.

Lings	936	Rickford	Karachi	30-12	M M and Co
Shah Ameer	1922	Pilling	Jedah	21-12	H A Hassum

M W D D

Ayuthia	694	Curtis Stevapore	18-12	F F Campbell & Co

H W P D

Mahanadi	547	Ahmed	Mangalore	6-12	B o S N Co
Saraswati	413	Ahmed	Kchi	17-12	B o S N Co

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
15	Kaisers	Chappell	Basreh. Dec 8
16	Argentella	Feltrup	New York, Nov 3
	China	Petrie	Kobe, Nov 7
	City of Glasgow	Greenborn	Glasgow, Nov 14

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Hola	Stebbing	Calcutta, &c
	Dumra	Hirst	Karachi, &c
	Madura	Elton	Persian Gulf, &c
	Imperator	Moses	Trieste, &c

The steamer Capri, Dominico, for Hongkong obtained per port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels begin to load yesterday :—
Steamer Devanha, for Shanghai, &c
" Kagoshima Maru, for Kobe, &c.
" Kaisar, for Persian Gulf, &c.
" Warora, for Calcutta, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Scindia s—100 bales cotton, Rulli Bros; 15 bales wool, R Dunn and Co; 5 bales cotton balls, L B Coates and Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Arabia s—86 cwt condiments, Merwanji Poonjiaji and Sons; 9 bales carpets, Fleming Shaw and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—3 cases brassware, L B Bhoatwalla; 6 bales hemp, I Mahomed; 13 bales carpets, S Mezji; 10 bales hides, H A Osmer; 30 cwt chutney, D P Bathena Co; 36 cwt condiments, N K Jusawalla; 25 cwt deer horns, M Rah mtoola; 1787 cwt myrabollams, A Khimji; 121 bales hides and skin, E D Sassoon and Co; 20 bales skins, R M K oba; 1 bale carpets, Fleming Shaw and Co; 1 bale hemp, Ebjee Osmersey, 17 cwts hoss wax, J M Rehimtoola.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Scindia s—52 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 105 cwts gingelly-seed. J Fachiri.

FOR HAVRE.

Trafford Hall s—50 bales hemp, J N Kapadia and Co; 100 cwt gum, Damji and Co; 3,000 cwts linseed; Shaw Wallace and Co.

FOR HULL.

John H Barry s—2,040 cwt castorseed, and 4,000 cwt cottonseed, M Vulubdas: 4,080 cwt castorseed, and 4,000 cwt cottonseed, David Sassoon and Co.

Othello s—2,0 0 cwt cottonseed, David Sassoon and Co; 4,000 cwts cot onseed, 3,120 cwts myrabollams, W Beebar.

FOR RAVAL.

Othello s—250 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

John H Barry, s—10 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co 102 b les cotton, Tata Sons and Co; 55 bales cotton G Dossa and Co.

FOR LEGHORN.

Ischia s—6 bales twist, B Gerio and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Umbilah s—160 bales cotton E Spinner, 501 cwt myrabollams A Khimji 2000 cwt castorseed Shaw Wallace and Co; 125 bales hemp, G Pragji; 30 bales cotton fly, N Dhamji;

St Helena s—3 bales cotton, A Moritzz and Co; 32 bales twist N Curaetji and Co; 36 bales twist E Spinner and Co; 20 bales cotton and 67 bales twist waste W Wulf and Sons 55 bales cotton A A Begbie and Co; 50 bales hemp, Ebjee Osmersey; 1,980 cwts gingellyseed, D Nanjee and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Ischia s—4 bales twist, B Gorid and Co; 300 bales cotton, Glado and Co; 500 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co; 200 cwt rapeseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 2000 cwt rapeseed, C Boggiana and Co;

St Helena s—25 bales cotton fly, N Damji

FOR ANCONA.

Ischia s—56 bales hemp, M Somji,

FOR HONGKONG.

Wakameya Maru s—625 cwt onion R E Dadachanji, 200 bales tw st R D Sassoon and Co;

Devanha s—75 cwt sharkfins E Molodena;

Capri s—75 cwt Beerabolick, Naga

FOR SHANGHAI.

Devanha s—350 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co;

FOR KOBE.

Wakameya Maru s—50 bales cotton M B Kaisha 2400 bales cotton A Moritzz and Co;

FOR MOJI.

Wakameya Maru s—200 bales cotton M B Kaisha,

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Dec. 17.

365 DRILLS.

No 1 Company—Tuesday the 18th instant at 9 p.m.
Sqn 4 Drill with Arms in the Town Hall Compound.
Dress Plain clothes.
No 2 Company Tuesday the 17th instant at 9 p m
Lecture on Ammunition at Sewbit Road Head Quarters.
Dress—Pl in clothes.
Thursday the 19th instant C" D L Gun Drill at Mahaluxmi Fo t at 9 p.m.
Dress—Plain clothes.

E E Co.

Parade on Wednesday the 8th instant at 6-30 p.m. Apollo Bander and proceed to Middle Ground Fort for Manning Defence Lights.

364 CORPS PARADE.

The Corps will parade at the B V A Club Apollo Bander, on Saturday the 21st instant at 4-30 p m and proceed to Middle Ground Fort for 1" Aiming Rifle Practice.
Dress—Khaki and Helmets.

365 PROF. CLASS.

The Proficiency Class will be held at the B V A Club on Thursday the 19th inst at 4 9 p.m.

R W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt., B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Dec. 17.

430—Detail for the week ending Saturday the 21st inst.
Today Tuesday the 17th—Practice for Buglers in rear of Skating Rink at 8-30 p.m
Wednesday the 18th —Commanding Officer's Parade.
Fall in at Sir Richard Temple's State at 6 p.m.
Dress —Drill Order. Uniform with Forage Caps.
Subject.- Advance, Rear and Frank Guards.
Thursday the 19th —Sausphone Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 a.m.
Friday the 20th—Recruits of the current season will parade at Head Quarters at 7 p.m.

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The Anchor Line s.s. "Scindia" will sail from No. 2 Victoria Dock to night with following passengers. Medical inspection at 5-45 p.m sharp.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *December* 15.] [BOMBAY, *December* 16.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer.
	Rs.			
1 Box Sov	45,000	Aden	Peninsular	Cowasji Dinshaw & Bros
3 Boxes Sov	1,65,000	Alexandria via Port Said	Peninsular	Mercantile Bk
1 Parcel Sov	25	London	Marmora	Comptoir National

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING,] [16TH DECEMBER, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—

The Bank of Bombay cash balance is Rs. 52 lacs down.

Exchange :—

The Market has been steady to firm, especially as regards selling rates. In the morning the T. T. rate was general at 1s. 3 27-32d. but 1s. 3 7-8d. T. T. was soon available, and during the day 1s. 3 29-32d. T. T. was done from the 18th instant. The latter however did not last long. Credits are still scarce but there are no buyers under 1s. 4 7-32d. 3 months' sight. Far Eastern rates are weak following the collapse in silver.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 3 27/32d. to 7/8d.
Demand Draft	1s. 3 29/32d. to 15/16d.
Credits—3 months' sight	1s. 4 7/32d.
Do. 6 months sight	1s. 4 13/32d.
Do. 2 months' sight—France	169 1/2
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.	120 1/4
Hongkong—20 days' sight	141
Yokohama—20 days' sight	150 1/2
Shanghai—20 days' sight	191 1/2

Government Paper :—

A moderate business has been passing in the Bazaar, the general tendency being towards lower rates. At opening the settlement was quoted at Rs. 96 1-4 but when it became known that the Bank of Bombay balance was down over half a crore the quotation fell to Rs. 96 1-8. Before the close a slight recovery set in the market becoming steady at Rs. 96 3-16. Calcutta market is higher than here ready being advised as Rs. 96 1-2 and forward in a month Rs. 96 1-4.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs.	96 4
1st Settlement	"	96 3

Bullion :—

On Saturday Bar silver in London fell 1-2 to 25 pence for ready and 25 1-4 for delivery forward in two months. New York was 1 lower at 53 7-8. The local market opened weak, business being done down to 65 7-8 ex-duty, but improved later on to 66 1-4. Forward rates are noted below. Bar gold is steady.

We quote :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	24	4	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	3	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	2	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	2	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	2	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	66	4	0
Ditto 1st Settlement	66	4	0
Ditto 2nd "	65	0	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

The market has ruled quiet but steady throughout the day with little change in prices from Saturday's closing rates. Only a small business has been done, as the bazaar is inactive and exporters are doing very little.

For ready cotton there was a small demand from Shippers and Mills and the turn-over at Colaba was limited.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach	275	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	267/4	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti	236	Jan. 08
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	223	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	220	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti	219/20	"
Fine M. G. Muttia	203	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	199	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish	205/6	"
Fine M. G. Bengals	198/9	"
Fine. M. G. Bengals	202/3	March 08.
F. G. M. G Bengals	190 1/2	Jan. 08.
Good Western	241/2	Apl-May
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	254	"

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone	Quiet.
Estimated Sales	12,000 bales.
Total Imports	6,000 "

Future Delivery Prices :—

D.-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.
5 91	5 93	5 94	5 95	5 95
+01	+01	+01	+01	+01
M.-J.	J.-J	J.-A.	A.-S	
5 93	5 95	5 92	5 83	
+01	+01	+02	+02	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is easier and rates have given way somewhat. There is little doing. We quote :—

Ready	Rs.	7 11 0 B. T.
December	"	8 0 0 R. T.
April-May	"	8 6 0 "

RAPESEED—

The market is quiet with little enquiry. We quote :—

Brown Cawnpore	Rs.	8 11 0 B. T.
Brown Cawnpore Ap.-May	"	9 3 0 R. T.
Yellow Guzerat, ready	"	10 0 0 B. T.

Gingellyseed :—

The market is quiet but steady and we quote as under :—

Bold White, 85 p.c.	Rs.	62 8 0
" " 75 p.c.	"	61 8 0
Black Kutni	"	56 8 0
White Havre	"	62 8 0
Yellow Hinganghat	"	65 0 0

Poppyseed :—

Ready	Rs.	12 4 0
April-May	"	11 5 0

Tone—Quiet.

Castorseed :—

Ready	Rs.	36 0 0
April-May	Rs.	36 0 0

Tone—Quiet.

Cottonseed :—

	Rs.	23 8 0

Tone—Quiet but steady.

Mowraseed :—

	Rs.	5 6 0 B. T.

Tone—Steady.

GROUNDNUTS :—

	Rs.	46 8 0 Jan.-Feb.

Tone—Steadier.

Wheat :—

White Delhi Ap.-May	Rs.	5 15 0 R. T.

Tone—Steady.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—

Bombay	1,397 1/2
India	60
Indian Specie Bank	54

Mills :—

Century	1,825
David	306 1/4
Howard and Bullough	540
Kohinoor	782 1/2
Manockji Petit	3,170

Presses :—

New Mofussil	585

Miscellaneous :—

Budham Pile & Co.	133
Colaba Land and Mill	1,045
Treacher and Co	620
Bauankua Manganese	6¼ Premium

Railways :—

Ahmedbad-Prantej	570
Amritsar-Patti	109
Tapti Valley	483 1/2

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p. m. on Saturday :—

Cotton	11,607 bales.
Wheat	2,536 cwts
Linseed	804 "
Rapeseed	18 "
Gingellyseed	12,820 "
Poppyseed	200 "
Groundnuts	408 "
Castorseed	2,207 "
Rice	3,514 "
Myrabollams	5,809 "
Cottonseed	17,142 "
Mowrasseed	94 "
Gram	3,420 "
Joowar	715 "
Maize	nil. "

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 10 Dec, 1907, as compared with the statement of 3rd Dec. 1907 :—

LIABILITIES.	Dec. 3, Rs.	a.	p.	Dec. 10, Rs.	a.	p.
Capital paid up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	1,55,00,000	0	0	1,55,00,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c	1,78,14,990	0	0	2,03,42,263	5	8
Other Deposits, &c	16,53,03,986	3	9	16,03,373, 89	12	7
Bank Post Bills, &c	5,54,632	15	9	9,83,804	11	11
Sundrie	19,64,275	15	8	20,13,207	3	2
Rs.	22,03,37,887	3	2	22,24,37,462	1	4
ASSETS.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Government Securities	2,25,22,216	0	0	1,53,9 ,257	0	0
Other authorised Investments	40,30,828	11	0	41,22,076	8	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorized Securities	2,84,73,894	11	11	2,86,58,772	4	3
Accounts of Credit on do.	4,19,98,487	11	7	4,20,10,864	5	11
Bills discounted &c	2,91,61,947	15	10	3,77,32,618	9	6
Balances with other Banks	10,15,0 0	6	0	12,22,421	8	1
Bullion						
Dead Stock	16,96,048	7	4	17,42,658	9	7
Stamps	13,436	2	10	13,540	15	11
Sundries	1,47,415	4	10	1,48,265	10	6
	14,00,31,845	10	6	14,32,45,505	4	10
Cash, &c., at Head Office	7,13,96,041	8	10	7,73,91,956	12	6
Do. at Branches						
Rs.	22,03,37,887	3	2	22,96,37,462	1	4

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.	
Govt. Balance at Head Office	16,58,507	Increase
Do. at Branches	20,86,729	Do.
Other Deposits	16,15,908	Decrease
Post Bills	3 29172	Increase
ASSETS.		
Bank's Investments	28,39,711	Decrease
Loans	1,64,964	Increase
Accounts of Credit	42,377	Do.
Mercantile Bills	14,20,329	Decrease
Cash at Head Office	41,51,129	Increase
Do. at Branches	19,24,736	Do.

THE YEAR'S VINTAGE.

Messrs. Cutler, Palmer & Co. in their Vintage Report for the past year, owing to the peculiarities of the weather, fear the general result can only be described as average in yield and quality. The following are the details :—

FRANCE.

Bordeaux.—Although delayed by the rains in spring, the flowering took place under favourable conditions, but the gathering was hindered by continues falls of rain, and this has undoubtedly had its effect an the Wines produced, which compare unfavourably with those of 1906. These are developing to our full satisfaction, being full-bodied, stout, and well colored. The Wines of 1904 have confirmed the opinion we formed of them at the outset, it is indeed a remarkable vintage.

Burgundy.—The Vintage of 1907 has been adversely affected by the rains, the difference in the Wine made during the first half of the Vintage and that made in the second half being very marked, though that gathered in the first half will be little inferior to the Wine of 1905. This Vintage and that of 1904 are indeed most excellent.

Champagne.—The Wines made at the start promiseto be of sound ordinary quality, but torrential rains have spoilt the Vintage. There is, how ever plenty of the 1900 Vintage still on the market, and the Vintages of 1904 and 1906 will be in every way most satisfactory.

Saumur.—The year of 1907 will not prove a Vintage one, but has turned out better than expected. As with Champagne, the 1900 Vintage is deservedly popular, and those of 1904 and 1906 are progressing most favourably.

Cognac.—The quality will be inferior to that of 1906, and the quantity will probably be one third less. The Wines are low in strength and buyers must fall back on the 1906 Brandies.

GERMANY.

The yield may be reckoned at half a Vintage, and owing to the cold wet summer, the Wines will not be of great promise.

PORTUGAL.

The Vintage of 1907 suffered from the vagaries of the weather We expect the production approximately to be 34,000 Pipes, the Wine being in every way thoroughly sound. The 1906 is are shewing splendidly. It is cheering to find the Medical profession generally recommending the consumption of the higher qualities of this truly delightful Wine.

SPAIN.

Sherry.—The yield is smaller than last year, owing to the boisterous East winds which scorched up the crop of grapes. The "Musts" shew a density of rather over than under 13° Beaume, and should develop into good stout Wines with plenty of body. The fine quality of Sheery now being offered seems to have at last attracted the attention of the community in England, and a gratifying increase in sales is notified.

Spanish port or "Tarragona"—The heavy rains at the ingathering proved most disastrous, and we fear, we can say little that is good of the 1907 Vintage.

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An average crop of fair quality.

SICILY.

Marsala.—The new Wine will be less luscious and alcoholic than was expected, and the production will be less than last year, the damages caused by the ravages of the "Phylloxera" not yet having been made good, and in fact an average Vintage cannot be expected for two or three years. This is a great pity, seeing the considerable demand there is for this most health-giving Wine.

ITALY.

A Vintage below the average and of ordinary quality.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta, 7th Dec, 1907.

The Weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury :—

Amount to be remitted during 1907-8	£ 18,100,000
Remitted from 1st April 1907 to 7th Dec. 1907 By Council Bills	£ 11,336,221
By Gold	Nil
Balance to be remitted from 8th Dec. 1907 to 31st March 1908	£6,763,779

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

COX—December 7, at N llsworth, Gloucestershire, Hugh Francis elder son of John Hugh and Angust Edith Cox, aged 11 years.
GRABOWSKI—December 10, Henriette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grobowski.
MACLEOD—December 9, at Silcharapore, Duncan Archibald Macleod, late Behar Indigo Planter, aged 41 years.
TAYLOR—December 17, at Nalhoti Tea Estate, Teztur, Assam, Charles Sunderland Taylor, aged 34, formerly of Fowai Tea Estate, Dibrugarh.

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Factory Labour Commiss on, Secretariat, 2 p.m.
New Great Eastern Spinning and Weaving Company, 42-48, Church Gate Street, 3-30 p.m.
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
The Hippodrome, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m
The Empire Cinematograph, Framji Cowasji Hall, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Wednesday, December 18.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-0 p. m. Factory Labour Commission Secretariat, 2 p. m Miss Bonavia Hunt's Concert, Taj Mahal Hotel 9-30 p m Sun rises, 7h. 5m., Sun sets 6h. 5m., High water, 10-27m, 11-22s.; Low water 4-37m., 4-21s.
Thursday, December 19.—Karachi Ice Company, Tamarind Lane, 2 p m Bombay University Senate meeting, 5-45 p.m Sassoon Mechanics' Institute, lecture by Mr. E. D. Tahti on Old Bombay, 6-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 5m., Sun sets, 6h. 5m.; High water, 11-3m, 11-56s.; Low water, 5-15m., 4-52s.
Friday, December 20.—Bombay Native Dispensary, biennial general meeting, office of Sir D. M. Petit, Hornby Road, 5 p.m. University Examination Results —Matriculation Y M C A. Glee Club Concert, Wodehouse Road, 3-15 p. m. Sun rises, 7h 6m., Sun sets, 6h. 5m. High water, 11-36m Low water, 5-59m., 5 22s.
Saturday, December 21—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Albert Press Company, 2 Dalal Street, 3-30 p. m Miss Bonavia Hunt's Concert, Taj Mahal Hotel, 9-30 p.m ; Sun rises, 7h., 7m.; Sun sets, 6h. 6m.; High water, 0 28m., 0-8s.; Low water, 6-23m ,5-52s.
Sunday, December 22.—4th Sunday in Advent. Sun rises, 7h. 7m.; Sun sets, 6h. 6m.; High water, 0-59m., 0-39s.; Low water, 0-56m., 6-23s.
Monday, December 23.—Sun rises, 7h. 8m Sun sets, 6h. 7m. High water, 1-29m., 1-10s. Low water, 7-27m. 6-55s.

POONA GAYAN SAMAJ.—His Excellency Sir George Clarke has been pleased to consent to become a patron of the Samaj.

ARRIVAL OF A CHIEF.—The Chief of Karundwad has arrived in Bombay and put up in a bungalow at Warden Road.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Ceylon, Singapore, China, and Japan per S. S. "Wakamiya Maru" will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p. m. to-morrow, Wednesday. Parcel mail for Japan closes at 3 p.m. the same day.

ACCIDENT IN A WORKSHOP.—Mahomed Mir Kampia, a Pathan, was working in the Port Trust workshop at Mazagon, Bombay, on Saturday, when the wheel of a traction engine toppled over him and fractured his left leg. He was removed to Sir J. J. Hospital.

THE RINK.—The first of this season's sports on Skates comes off to-morrow evening, when a mile challenge race has been fixed with prizes of gold and silver medals. The winner of most silver medals during the season to receive a gold medal at the final There will be several other events, and some for girls and boys, while young skaters will have a good opportunity of displaying their ability on rollers and winning prizes.

DESERTED INFANTS.—On Sunday a female child, aged about a month, was found on the verandah of a house in Duncan Road, Bombay. It was conveyed to Bai Motlibai Hospital.—Another child of about an equal age was found lying near the railings of the Cama Hospital. It was wrapped in clean warm clothes and a feeding bottle with milk was by its side. It was taken into the hospital pending its removal to Bai Motlibai Hospital.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 1907.

FINANCIAL DECENTRALISERS OF THE SEVENTIES.

THE Madras seance of the Decentralisation Commission has resulted in the accumulation of a good deal of interesting testimony in regard to the devolution of increased autonomy in financial and cognate matters to the provincial Governments, and this evidence is doubtless destined to receive many convincing additions before the enquiry closes in March next. We do not know whether the advent of the Commission at the Coromandel Capital has accelerated local decentralisation in the oldest of the subordinate administrations, but it is significant that its proceedings there synchronised with a useful concession to popular opinion concerning the finances of the Presidency. Henceforth the non-official members of its Council, like those of Bengal, are to be associated with the settlement of details of its general budget, prior to the disclosure of the latter to the public eye, and they will thus acquire enhanced opportunities for criticism and suggestion which will serve a useful purpose, even if it only produces a contraction of those annual elaborate and prolonged essays with which Indian publicists are so painfully familiar. The innovation might well be copied by other provincial Governments with equally gratifying results to public opinion, and corresponding diminutions in the State printing bill which is magnified by the reproduction of these innocuous pronouncements. The Honourable John Company, whom we deposed about a half century ago, was a great centraliser in finance and other departments of his administration, and during the latter decades of his monarchy all control was gradually concentrated at Calcutta where, under the Charter Act of the thirties of last century, the chief representative and his advisers wielded influences which were autocratic in their application to subordinate Governments. This Act provided that "the superintendence, direction, and control of the whole civil and military government of all the said territories and revenues in India shall be and is hereby vested in a Governor-General and Councillors." In this provision we have the genesis of the centralisation policy against which the provincial administrations and their subjects have been constant protestors, and the latest concrete demonstration in opposition to which is the Commission now itinerating India. It was not until twenty years later that the claims of the presidencies to representation on the Governor-General's Council were recognised, and by that time the autocracy conferred under the older charter had solidified into the absolute subordination of the lesser Governments to Calcutta in all matters concerning finance, and in not a few touching their internal administrations also.

This exposition states briefly the situation we inherited upon the abdication of the Honourable John, and it was towards the unravelling of its entanglements that the efforts of the earlier arrivals in our long procession of financial ministers were directed. The campaign against the centralisation founded by our predecessors was opened by Mr. James Wilson in the first year of the sixties, but his combat with it was a very brief one as he succumbed to climatic influences within twelve months of his arrival in India. His successors, Messrs. Laing, Trevelyan, Massey and Temple examined the problem and made various suggestions for its solution when Canning and Lawrence were at Calcutta, and although the latter, in the last year of his Viceroyalty, accepted the principles propounded by his finance minister, their application was delayed until the arrival of Lord Mayo. At this period the relations between the Supreme and subordinate Governments have been thus delineated by a contemporary authority upon Indian questions: "Everything was rigorously centralised in the Supreme Government, which took upon itself the entire distribution of the funds needed for the public service throughout India. It controlled the smallest details of every branch of the expenditure; its authority was required for the employment of every person paid with public money, however small his salary; and its sanction was necessary for the grant of funds even for purely local works of improvement, for every local road, and every building, however insignificant."

The first Viceroy of the seventies gave decentralisation its original charter when, in his second budget speech, he announced the transfer to the Local Governments of a number of departments hitherto administered from Calcutta, both financially and in matters relating to their personnel. There had been some apprehensions that the new departure would result in a detachment of the interests essential to the homogeneity of the various governments, and in replying to these pessimistic suggestions Lord Mayo declared that he "failed to perceive any strength whatever in the suggestion, and that so far from there being a separation of interests, the increased feeling of responsibility, and the feeling of confidence reposed in them would unite and bind together the Supreme and Local Governments to a greater extent than before." Subsequent developments in the relations between the Paramount Government, and its satrapies amply justified Lord Mayo's predictions, and all the historians of his brief but brilliant administration are agreed that one of its brightest and most beneficent features was the partial eviction of centralisation from its Calcutta stronghold, and the substitution of concord for the financial wrangles which had been prevalent under the methods inherited from the Company. Although a good deal of financial reform was accomplished by the Viceroy who met his fate at the Andamans, additional concessions soon became desirable, especially as the subordinate Governments had put their partially-won freedom to extremely good uses and were anxious for a further slackening of the archaic ties which still bound them to Calcutta. A considerable step in this direction was taken under Lord Lytton's rule, on the suggestion of the Stracheys, those twin brethren of finance who have left their impress upon this particular page of Indian history. The six years' experience of Decentralisation which had by that time been acquired were considered a sufficient justification by the Viceroy of the latter seventies for its extension to the departments not included in Lord Mayo's Scheme. Accordingly, with the exception of three or four officers which the Supreme Government decided to retain, the whole of the administrative machinery of the province, and all matters connected with its personnel and finance were, thirty years ago, placed under the exclusive control of their rulers and Councils. From Lord Lytton's day the Government of India ceased to be the predominant partner in a centralised autocracy, and the system of devolution which was then completed has undergone no modifications from his successors. When these reforms were introduced the various Provincial Governments were fixed for periods of five years, and this practice survived until the days of Lord Curzon, when it was found desirable to place them upon a permanent basis, and this amendment was carried out some three years ago towards four or five of the larger units. In the last but one of his budget orations our ex-Viceroy protested that so far as his Government was concerned Centralisation was absolutely non-existent, and for this reason perhaps no proposals for further devolution found a place in the thirty-six labours into which he divided his term of administration. Others, however, held opposite views even while he was at the head of affairs, and the period of his rule had hardly closed before there were demands for a fresh relaxation of the bonds of Calcutta and Simla; and the Royal Commission which is now touring in India is the result of this feeling, with which the present Secretary of State has proclaimed his sympathy. It is yet too early to hazard any suggestions concerning the ultimate benefits of this enquiry, but if it leads to a further application and expansion of the policy of the decentralisers of the seventies, the Subordinate Governments will have reason to be grateful, a feeling in which their subjects will also be lively and satisfied sharers.

A POWERFUL CRITIC OF THE "HIGHER CRITICISM."

IT is pleasant to see Dr. Welldon, who was for some time Bishop of Calcutta and is at present Dean of Manchester, figure as a controversalist on the side of orthodoxy against the followers of what has come to be called, we are afraid with doubtful propriety, the Higher Criticism. The so-called "Higher" critics sometimes descend to a very "low" level in their attacks on the authenticity of the books of the Bible. They profess to make a very high demand—hence, presumably their name—for evidence, when considering the question of the authorship and date of the Sacred Writings, and reject many of these as spurious on the ground of want of such evidence. Now the books of the Bible are literature, and amenable like all such to this test of evidence. That is now admitted by nearly all, even orthodox critics, since the days of *Essays and Reviews*—that ecclesiastical pamphlet which made a tremendous stir when it first appeared forty-six years ago, but is now considered quite harmless. But the Classics also belong to literature, and as such their authenticity must also be subject to the same test of evidence. Bishop Welldon's main point, in his two learned and cogent articles in two consecutive numbers of the *Nineteenth Century*, is that if the classical writings of Greek and Roman antiquity be subjected to the same or even less searching criticism for their authenticity, they will be found to stand it much less than the books of the Bible and especially of the New Testament which is a Greek work. Tried by the tests of Higher Criticism, most of the Greek and Roman authors, like Aristotle and Tacitus, can be easily proved to be forgeries of a much later date, exactly what the Higher Critics are bent on proving in the case of the Evangelists and Apostles who composed the New Testament. But yet none of these "Higher" critics have as yet dared to apply their test to the secular classics, because they are sure that they would be mercilessly ridiculed by the whole learned world if they ever bestowed their "critical" pains on Plato or Cicero. Yet logically they are bound to subject to the same test of evidence both secular and sacred literature which professes to come down from antiquity. Dr. Welldon takes the case of Mr. J. W. Ross—not himself a "Higher Critic"—who, in a book published thirty years ago, most elaborately tried to show that the work which passes under the venerable name of Tacitus as his *Annals* was nothing but the forgery of the fifteenth century having been fabricated by the Italian scholar of the early Renaissance, Poggio Bracciolini. Mr. Ross was very learned and very laborious, but he was taken by the scholarly world as a wrong-headed man whose arguments were hardly worth serious consideration at its hands, though his work received convincing and searching reputation in the *Edinburgh Review* at the time. Yet his reasoning against the authenticity of Tacitus was stronger than the reasoning of the "Higher" Critics against accepting the authorship of the books of the Bible. "Mr. Ross' reasoning, says Dr. Welldon," "I have set out at some length, not that it seems to me conclusive—for I think it wholly absurd—but because it corresponds with the reasoning of the advanced Higher Critics upon the books of the Bible and especially of the Old Testament and because I believe that the case against the Annals of Tacitus, unconvincing as it is, is stronger than the case against much which has been critically challenged in the Old Testament, *e.g.* in the Psalter or in the Prophetic Books, and far stronger than any possible case which can be made out against any part of the Epistles of St. Paul or against the Gospel which bears the name of St. John. The Bishop's, it will be seen is mainly, if not wholly, a *tu quoque* argument; but as against the "Higher Critics," who are the chief critics of the Bible within the fold of the Church, it appears to us to be particularly cogent. The articles are a brilliant model of close reasoning, and our readers would do well to turn to them for "the feast of reason" provided by the Bishop.

We have had recently, in another connection, occasion to point out that the originator of such extremely sceptical criticism of the classic authors was the celebrated Jesuit scholar Father Hardouin (1646-1729). This learned Frenchman was indeed a very paradoxical man and "a portent in the literary world," as he is rightly called in his epitaph, and "wanted true scepticism." The Catholic Church of the time at once saw the true drift and tendency of his reasoning, which, as Dr. Welldon now points out, can be employed with still greater force against the sacred writings of the Bible than against the secular Classics which alone he touched. "His ecclesiastical superiors" says Professor Flint in his admirable exposition of the controversy raised by the French Jesuit, "feeling the faith of the Church in the genuineness and antiquity of the Scriptures undermined by his scepticism, compelled him in 1708 to publish a retractation; but he neither changed his obnoxious views, nor ceased to repeat them." Since Hardouin's days his arguments, though not in their entirety as against most of the classics—for even he excepted Homer and Herodotus, Cicero and parts of Virgil and Horace from his wholesale charges of forgery—have been from time to time revived and added to by strong scholars of whom the latest seems to be Mr. Ross. But it has not yet occurred to any of the "Higher Critics" to apply, from the other side as it were of the sceptical camp, the arguments which they urge against the Bible to the Classics. But they are logically turned to examine secular ancient literature in the same spirit and by the same methods. But they cannot and dare not, for as Dr. Welldon well says that "neither in his theories nor in his arguments does Father Harduin appear to me more paradoxical than Dr. Cheyne or Dr. van Manen." These two are the most prominent leaders of the school of Higher Criticism. Of these the latter Dutch scholar has recently passed away, though his extreme scepteicism and destructive criticism remains behind him, especially in the *Encyclopædia Biblica* that vast depository of very learned but very heterodox opinions, beside which the views of its projector, the late Dr. Robertson Smith, were fairly orthodox, though in his later life he was much tared for his critical tendencies. We should like very much to see what Professor Cheyne or any other of the leading "Higher" lights have to say in reply to Dr. Welldon's powerful attacks in the methods of their school.

THE KAISER IN HOLLAND.

THE German Emperor who is now visiting Holland as the guest of Queen Wilhelmina, is in a part of the world which has more personal interest for him than probably any other portion of the earth's surface outside Germany. Britain, by comparison, fades into insignificance. Holland, so far as can be seen to-day, is destined to become a German province. Circumstances may arise, such as the birth of an heir to the still young Queen, but seven years have rolled along since her marriage to Prince Henry, and the hopes of the Dutchmen remain unrealised. So that, in a course of time, Germany will come into possession of that portion of Europe which she most desires. Holland means more to Germany than a mere area of flat and monotonous soil, with endless waterways, willows and windmills. It means ports on the wide ocean, military and naval stations within a few hours of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean; it means expansion of trade and vastly enhanced strategic and political power. Holland has for many years been the Kaiser's gambit, but a decade ago he could not have foreseen how time and the accident of circumstance would bring him within sight of his goal. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that he declared on Saturday, in reply to Queen Wilhelmina's toast, that he would stake his life for the maintenance of peace between Germany and Holland. His Majesty, even upon Holland's peaceful soil, still harps upon war—for you cannot talk of peace without talking of war—though Holland is the last place in Europe which one would associate with the clash of arms or the bubble reputation of the cannon's mouth.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Persia," with the outward Mails of the 6th instant, left Aden at 4 p.m. yesterday and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 6 a.m. on Friday next.

THE Bishop of Calcutta has fixed the 7th of January next for the hearing of the case between Rev. Mr. Bonney and the Bishop of Bombay.

WE omitted to state that the article on Mr. M. A Jinnah, which we reproduced yesterday, was from the "Akbar-i-Sondagar."

THE P. and O. s.s. "Malta" left Hongkong on December 14.

THE Anchor Line s.s. "Circassia," homeward bound, passed Suez on the 15th instant.

THE German East Africa Line steamer "Sultan" left Zanzibar for Bombay yesterday morning via Mombassa.

THE Austrian Lloyd's Chartered s.s. "Istok," from Bombay, arrived at Hongkong on the 15th instant.

THE homeward bound Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. "Caledonien," from Bombay, arrived at Marseilles on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 7 a.m.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for the week ending 23rd November 1907 shows a decrease on the corresponding week of 1906 of 201,610 maunds and Rs. 43,780 in the earnings.

RAO SAHIB S. KRISHNAMA CHARIYAR has been informed that the Government have accepted his offer to endow a Gold Medal in the name of Mr. G. S T. Harris, in connection with the College of Engineering, Madras.

THE "Punjab Mission News" reports that an Indian Christian convert from Islam, who went uninvited into Afghanistan to preach when the Amir was at Kandahar, was arrested and has been taken to Kabul.

MAJOR-GENERAL T. D. PILCHER, A.-D.-C. to the King, formerly of the Bedfordshire Regiment, who arrives in India shortly, will act for Major-General Scallon in command of the Infantry Brigade at Bangalore. He has just vacated the command of the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, at Aldershot.

FACTORY COMMISSION.

The Factory Commission met again yesterday afternoon at the Council Hall of the Bombay Secretariat, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Morison presiding. All the members of the Commission were present.

The first witness examined was Mr. H. B. Warden, Manager of the Victoria Mills, Gamdevi. He said it was necessary to limit the working hours of adult males and that their physique had been affected by long hours. He would say the working hours should not exceed 13 hours per day, inclusive of half an hour's rest at midday. The legal working hours should be from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. Engine should be stopped half an hour between 12 and 2 p. m. Factories working on the day shift system may be allowed to work from 5 a. m. to 8 p.m. with the restriction that no adult male should work for more than 12 out of every 24 hours. He was not in favour of creating a separate class of "young persons." It would be difficult to apply regulations to "young persons" even if a separate register of such hands is maintained. He said that the minimum age of children should not be raised beyond nine.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

As regards the housing of the mill hands, witness said that the breaking down of many a chawl by the Improvement Trust has of late created difficulties in housing the workmen properly, and consequently the Government should co-operate with the mill-owners by allowing the Improvement Trust to lend money on easy terms to such mill-owners as are desirous of building chawls for their operatives.

Mr. H. H. Saklatvala, Manager of the Dinshaw Petit Mill, on being examined, said that the working hours of adult males should not be limited, as they are not excessive, and that a "young person" class was not needed; but in order to guard against the illegal employment of children as adults, certificates of physical fitness and of age should be demanded. The present age limit for children requires no change. Certificates of age and physical fitness will prevent malpractices, and in order to distinguish adults from half-timers, certificates of age and physical fitness should be demanded.

FACTORY INSPECTORS.

Witness said training in England would not make a Factory Inspector competent to judge and understand the ways and habits of Indian workpeople: intelligent men with Indian experience are likely to cause less friction. Factory-hands should be housed as near as possible to the mills, as it is advantageous to both the parties. Some of the mills have a few "chawls" built for some of their work-people, but more must be built, cheap enough to suit the pockets of the poor hands, and the owners should not expect these "chawls" to be a financial success. This procedure obtains in his mills.

The next witness examined was Mr. Sorabji Cooverji Contractor, owner of a ginning mill known as "Sayan Ginning Factory" at Sayan in Surat District.

He said:—I sincerely approve of the proposal to bring ginning mills and presses under the Factory Act. I have fully stated my reasons at length in a memorial submitted about 16 months ago to the Bombay Government. I approve the suggestion to prohibit the employment of women on night work, but it is impossible to get male labourers to work at night in place of female labourers, and I say from my long experience that women only are suited for feeding the gins, and they should be employed in different gangs during the day and night. The women workers of the first gang should be employed from 6 o'clock in the morning till 6 o'clock in the evening with half an hour's complete rest by stopping the engine at noon; the second gang of females can join their work after 6 in the evening till any hour near midnight or daybreak. Male workmen should be similarly treated, and there should also be two gangs.

In conclusion witness said that as this Commission is appointed for the benefit of the labouring classes, it was essential to take evidence of the actual workmen. The evidence of big people such as the owners and agents of factories would be of no advantage to factory hands, because they have not worked themselves as labourers in the factories and gained experience of the work. It is therefore his strong and urgent request that the Commission should unexpectedly examine the workmen as witnesses without giving them any previous warning, and thus obtain correct facts as to their real condition.

Mr. Dhirajlal Bhimbhai, B. A., Managing Agent, Goolam Baba Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, Surat, said that the present system of working from sunrise to sunset was suitable in every respect, and that the physique of workmen was not at all affected by the present system of working. The creation of an intermediate class, he said, would serve only to cause confusion. As regards elementary education, witness said that he entertained grave doubts as to the advisability of imparting such eduction to the children of the labouring community at the cost of factories. It would simply tend to raise their ideas above their standard and render them discontented with their lot. Witness said there was no urgency of bringing Inspectors from the United Kingdom.

Mr. Ward, of Messrs. Ralli Brothers, Bombay, said that the average number of hours a person was employed in a ginning mill was 12, during which time they have half an hour's stoppage at midday. There are, however, 25 per cent. more women employed than are actually required to work the factory, their duty being to relieve the other women as required, so that probably each woman will have intervals of rest amounting in the aggregate to at least 2½ hours. There is, however, no stated intervals at which the women are relieved. When a woman requires relief for food, rest or other purposes, she informs the "muccadamie," who provides a relief. The usual average number of hours a person is employed in a press factory is 12, but this varies considerably according to the requirements of the season.

He approves of the proposal to bring under the Factory Act all ginning mills and pressing factories, irrespective of the number of months they work in a year, or the number of hands employed.

He does not approve of the suggestion that the employment of women on night work should be prohibited, provided they are employed under proper supervision, that is to say, care should be taken that no women are employed in a ginning mill or pressing factory for night work who have been employed in other ginning mills or pressing actories during the day.

The last witness examined was Mr. Moore, of the New Mofussil Company, Limited.

He said that he approved the proposal to bring gins and presses under the Act irrespective of the length of their season, provided this was equally applicable to all factories including factories in Natives States, and that the Act was for the purpose principally of regulating the ventilation, sanitation and protection of machinery. There should be no restriction imposed limiting the hours of labour.

Women should be allowed to work at night, provided a woman does not work for more than 9 hours in 24 hours.

The Commission then adjourned to this day afternoon.

THE marriage between Mr. Howard Murray, 5th Light Infantry, I. A. (Military Accounts Department, Calcutta), eldest son of the late Captain T. H. McD. Murray, of Melbourne, Australia (late 77th Middlesex Regiment), and Irene, third daughter of Mr. J. N. Marshall (Agent, Orient S. S. Company) of Melbourne, Australia, will take place quietly in Calcutta early in January, from the residence of Major and Mrs. Conyngham-Hughes.

THE ex-Mayor of Poole (Alderman George Curtis), who is eighty-five years old, has informed the local town council that he had received several invitations to write his reminiscences, and the editor of one London paper had offered to send down a shorthand writer for a fortnight if he would give him one hour a day. Mr. Curtis, who was re-elected an alderman, said he felt comparatively young yet, and he regarded 120 years as the proper age to live to.

THE case of General Sir Edmund Barrow who goes upon the Unemployed List on relief by General Sir James on the 31st instant, is no harder than that of General Richardson who will be similarly displaced on the 21st proximo. But Officers have had distinguished careers and both have received extension of tenure and in consequence both revert, for the time being, to temporary inactivity while others take up the burdens they have borne so well.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

The Voyage of Lieutenant Shackleton.

"He's what Carlyle would call a man—with a capital M. He's real good fellow, and I do hope he gets to the South Pole. He deserves to."

This was the description voluntarily provided by a fellow passenger on the R.M.S. India in regard to Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton, M.V.O., who is engaged on a voyage to the Antarctic regions to discover the South Pole. Quiet, with a commanding presence and genial manner, Lieutenant Shackleton, whose well-tanned skin tells the tale of storms weathered and elements braved, impresses one as a sailor in whom confidence may be safely placed to do his utmost to plant the Union Jack at the South Pole.

Seen on board as the India swung in the river, Lieutenant Shackleton readily responded to the invitation of a "West Australian" reporter to speak of his intentions in regard to this expedition.

"I have just received a cablegram," he said, "from Captain England, who is in charge of my ship, the "Nimrod," stating that she arrived at Lyttelton, New Zealand, on November 23. She experienced heavy weather, and behaved well, but, as the captain says, 'dirty when deep' I am glad to hear that she has arrived there safely, and now—about my own intentions. I have to lecture in Melbourne on December 3 on my last expedition to the South Polar regions. On December 6 I have to lecture in Sydney, and on the day following I leave for New Zealand, where I will join the steamer at Lyttelton. We will then 'turn her out' and take in the large collection of instruments which I have with me on board the mail-boat. And before I go any further let me pay a tribute to Commander Vibert and the P. and O. Co. generally for the exceptional facilities they have afforded me for storing my instruments, many of which are of a delicate nature. We should in due course leave the New Zealand port on January 1, and 24 days later we should be

AMONG THE ICE.

The ship will remain down there for some time Professor Devid, of the Sydney University, is to come with us to make some geological investigations before he returns with her to the Dominion. Early in March the "Nimrod" will leave us on the ice, when she will proceed to Lyttelton, whence she will visit the various Australian ports, to afford people an opportunity of seeing her, after which she will carry out a series of magnetic surveys on the principal trade routes, up as far as Aden. Her surveys are to be taken a correct, and that is one part of the expedition which really has an economic value, as it is intended to obtain the correct variations in connection with the magnetic pole, along the passageways of the world's maritime commerce. For this purpose the steamer will swing every 500 miles on her course. Especially will these surveys be of value in the Mozambique Channel, where the present records of the variations are faulty. The Admiralty, as I mentioned before, will accept our observations as correct.

Meantime, when we are left on the ice we shall engage in trials with our

SPECIALLY-FITTED-UP MOTOR-CAR,

which, I trust, will be a large factor in any success that we may achieve. In addition, we shall exercise our 25 Manchurian ponies, which are well adapted for the Southern ice work, and our twelve dogs. Twelve men, including myself, will remain behind on the ice floes. Winter comes on down there about April 20 or so, and during that period we are unable to do anything beyond preparing for sledging and taking observations. When practicable, we shall send out sledging parties to view the land, for, let me point out, on this occasion, we are setting out over unknown grounds. We intend this time to penetrate through King Edward VII. Land, which has not yet been explored to any extent. On the occasion of our last expedition, which extended over the years 1901-1904, we started from Victoria Land. The object of these parties will be to spy out the best line by which we may proceed to the south. This, I may say, will have to be done before the "Nimrod" leaves us for good, for I intend to send back the news of the route we intend to adopt with Captain England, and, then, again, we may possibly have to use the vessel. When we have decided that, we intend to erect our huts and settle down for the winter when the "Nimrod" leaves us. Spring will see us resting the ponies and motor-car, and by October 15 we hope to

START FOR THE POLE.

We shall have to travel about 750 miles to the south and 750 miles back, or 1,500 miles altogether. I don't know exactly how we shall proceed at my. You see we don't know if all the ice is smooth and hard, or if there are any crevasses. We shall have to go ahead with the motor-car as far as we can each day, and let the horses come after us. Of course, if the ice does not favour us, the whole party will travel together. On returning to our headquarters, another party will be sent out to traverse the land to the east, and all parties will be back at headquarters on January 28, the vessel calling for us about then, from her survey work. The "Nimrod" will then visit the north of the Balleny Islands, and follow the coast-line of Wilkes Land to prove or disprove the discoveries made by the Americans. We hope to get to New Zealand and thence to Australia during April, 1909. We will then proceed home via Cape Horn, and will 'swing' every 500 miles to take the magetic variations along the trade routes there. By the time we arrive in England, I hope we shall have not only discovered the South Pole, but have corrected all the magnetic variations on the trade routes of the world.

Have you a complete set of instruments to carry out your observations?

"Yes, certainly. But I would like to mention that we have one of the latest inventions—it is only about four months old—for recording the variation of temperatures at distances. It is such

A UNIQUE INSTRUMENT

that Commander Vibert had it fixed up in his cabin, so as to take better care of it. I would like to show it to you."

Lieutenant Shackleton escorted the Press representatives to the commander's room, and there showed how, while snugly wintering in their winter huts they will be able to tell how the weather is miles away.

"Of course, you cannot tell the true temperature," he explained, "among the hills and mountains, and this instrument enables us to carry the thermometer four miles out on to the plains, where the temperature may be obtained. At the end of this four miles of wire is the platinum thermometer, standardised by our thermometer. The other end is carried into the hut, and joined to this patent recording machine. It connects with three terminals, and when the electric current, from the accumulators, passes through, by a delicate piece of mechanism, at regular intervals, it records on a revolving chart the vagaries of the temperature. If the temperature is even, the drum, which revolves once a day, discloses a straight line, whereas, should the temperature rise or fall, the pencil moves to one side until a change is recorded. A rising temperature, by the way, indicates wind. We have about a ton and a half of instruments, valued at over £1,000."

Has the British Government fitted out the expedition?

"No; the Government has not given any support in that direction. Some of my friends have assisted me in my efforts to fit it out, and among these the Duke of Westminster and Sir Rupert Clarke have contributed to the funds. Indeed, small recognition was given by the Government to it, until Their Majesties the King and Queen came aboard my vessel, and inspected it. Her Majesty presented us with a Union Jack, to take with us, and plant at the South Pole should we be successful. As to that, well, as the ancients declared, it lies in the hands of the gods. We have an absolutely unknown country to go through, but we will do all that man can do to win our way to the south."

Are you fully prepared for the financial portion of the undertaking?

"Well, pretty well; but I hope to raise sufficient money in Australia and New Zealand to make up what little funds we want to keep the "Nimrod" in commission and at her surveys while we are on the land. I am giving several lectures, and I trust to raise something like £5,000 to cover the expenses I mention I have relied on Australia to do that, and I am confident that she will do it. Of course Australia and New Zealand are the countries nearest to the Pole, and should benefit most by our discoveries should we be successful. No societies are at the back of the expedition by the way.

THE public are advised that the B. B. and C. I Railway excursion trains to Surat will not run on Saturday, the 21st and 28th inst. The corresponding return trains from Surat on Monday, the 23rd and 30th idem, will also be cancelled, as per advertisement on another page.

MR. NEVISON was at Mymensingh on Thursday and Serajgunje on Friday, leaving that place for Faridpur on Saturday. At Mymensingh a correspondent of the "Bengalee" states that the Mahomedan hackney carriage drivers refused him a vehicle on the ground of his sympathies with the Hindus.

EVA LONGBOTTOM, a blind girl of fifteen, living at Bristol, has a natural talent for music, and has won several prizes for singing in competitions. Recently she composed an ode in honour of the King's birthday, and forwarded it to his Majesty. She has received the following reply from Sandringham:—"Sir Arthur Davidson is commanded by the King to thank Miss Eva Longbottom for her congratulations and good wishes, written in Braille, on the occasion of his birthday, and also to thank her for her photograph, which his Majesty has been pleased to accept."

CRISIS IN PERSIA.

CABINET RESIGNS.

Ministers Arrested.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE SHAH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

Telegrams from Teheran state that the Persian Cabinet resigned yesterday in consequence of incidents arising out of the murder of two shopkeepers by soldiers who were imprisoned but whose immediate execution was demanded by the relatives of the victims and the Anjumans.

A great crowd, partly armed, assembled near the Parliament buildings, and the bazaars were closed.

Ball cartridges were served out to the Palace Guards and the Garrison.

The Shah summoned Nizam Sultaneh and Nizam-ul-Mulk.

Later, Parliament was informed that the former Premier and Minister of the Interior had been arrested by order of the Shah.

The House has demanded an explanation of the Sovereign refusing to quit the building before a reply is received.

The crowd is also waiting.

It is believed that the Shah is acting on the advice of the reactionaries.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

There is great political excitement in Teheran owing to the Shah arresting the two Ministers, who had only just resigned.

Parliament has made a vehement protest.

The situation is complex, but apparently the Shah, supported by the reactionaries, is fighting the Nationalists.

The "Times," commenting on the situation, hopes that the Persians who have many fine qualities will overcome the present trouble. The "Times" regrets that the trouble is complicated by the depradations of the Turks, and says that unless the Sultan is brought to account by the other Powers, there does not seem to be any serious obstacle to the prosecution of his schemes of conquest on the Persian Frontier.

THE BERESFORD-SCOTT INCIDENT.

New Version.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPLANATION.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The "Daily Graphic" and "Daily Telegraph" learn that Sir Percy Scott's signal was merely part of a colloquial conservation with the Captain of the "Roxburgh" who was anxious to conclude his gun practice and that, read in conjunction with that conversation, it bears quite a proper construction.

The conversation occurred two hours prior to the receipt of Lord Charles Beresford's order, and consequently it is impossible that it referred to the order.

The papers emphasize the fact that Sir Percy Scott has never been asked for an explanation and thus was unable to remove the stigma, either then or since, and they declare that the matter cannot remian where it is.

RUSSIAN CONVICT SETTLEMENTS.

Siberia Overcrowded with Prisoners.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The St. Petersburg newspapers state that, owing to the crowdedness of the Russian and Siberian prisons, the Government has been asked to sanction the re-establishment of convict settlements at Sakhalin.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Heavy Fighting at Ujda.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Firing was heard at Ujda in the direction of the French column, all yesterday morning.

THE DRUCE CASE.

Sudden Flight of a Witness.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Caldwell, one of the principal witnesses in the Druce case, has departed for America just escaping arrest on a charge of perjury.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

A London cable to the "Englishman," dated the 15th instant, states that a warrant for conspiracy and perjury has been issued against Caldwell, in the Druce case, but the affidavit-maker had disappeared on Friday.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE TEST MATCH.

M. C. C. Captain's Illnes.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

England, continuing their second inning, have made 193 for nine wickets.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

Jones, the Captain of the M. C. C. in Australia, is suffering from congestion of the right lung.

His doctor expects that he will be able to sail for the South on Saturday.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, DECEMBER 15.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. "Persia," with the English Mails of the 6th instant, left here for Bombay at 4 p.m.

THE AMERICAN PACIFIC CRUISE.

Guarding the Philipines.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The English papers publish lengthy comments on and descriptions of the American Squadron which is due to sail for the Pacific to-day.

A farewell statement by Admiral Evans and other indications are regarded in America as foreshadowing a visit to the Philippines where it is believed that half of the squadron will remain, the rest returning via Suez.

THE SITUATION IN ZULULAND.

Further Arrests.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

Ten of the principal natives accompanying Dinizulu have been arrested on suspicion of sedition.

CHOLERA AT MECCA.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

A Negress has died of cholera at Mecca.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The death has occurred of Lieutenant-Genera M'Leod Innes, of Lvcknow fame.

VICEROY'S TOUR IN BURMA

Arrival at Pagan.

INSPECTION OF MUSEUM AND PAGODAS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAMP PAGAN, DECEMBER 15.

The R. I. M. S. "Sladen" with the Viceroy's Party on board arrived here at 3 p.m. to-day.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Minto were received by Mr. Leeds, the Commissioner of Meiklila Division and were taken ashore in an ornamented raft towed by three racing canoes with rowers in uniform.

The party rode up the bank and through the village escorted by the Military Police under Lieut. Kemones of the 10th Lancers to the Ananda Pagoda where Mr. Taw Sein Ko Superintendent of the Archæological Survey accompanied them over the pagoda and explained the legend attached to the various images and figures in relief in the walls.

Their Excellencies then inspected the Museum and were shown a lacquer work box which had been unearthed by Mr. Taw Sein Ko the day before which contained a figure of Buddha and the beads from a rosary which must have been buried not less than 500 years ago.

The party next saw specimens of Pagan lacquer work in the various stages of manufacture with the artists occupied in the different processes of the work from start to finish.

They were then shown the interior of the pagoda with the great standing Buddha, and afterwards a "Pwe" was performed which was quite the best that Their Excellencies had seen in Burma.

After leaving the Ananda Pagoda Their Excellencies visited the Thabpyinnyu Pagoda ascending to the second terrace from which a magnificent view was obtained of the ruined city with the river beyond and in the distance the hills with a glorious sun-setshowing them up in picturesque relief.

Their Excellencies then returned to the "Sladen" after thanking Mr. Taw Sein Ko for his interesting description of what they had seen.

RAILWAY CONCILIATION BOARD.

Engleken Refuses a Seat.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The Locomotive Section of the Railway Conciliation Board has had several meetings here. The Traffic Section has not yet commenced its sittings, and ex-Guard Engleken who was one of its members has declined a seat on it as he is now in private employ.

DURING RAILWAY OUTRAGE.

European Lady Robbed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 16.

A correspondent, writing to the "Deccan Herald," vouches for the accuracy of the following sensational incident on Tuesday last:—After the fast third class Delhi Express left Igatpuri and when between Kasara and Khardi, a man entered a female compartment which was occupied by a European lady who was sleeping at the time. He took three gold rings off the lady's finger and when trying to remove her pnrse from her pocket she awoke. The man then made off through the open door. The lady in her excitement rushed after him and in doing so fell out of the moving train. She sustained severe bodily injuries and had four teeth knocked out, The Up-Nagpur Passenger which followed, brought the injured lady into Bombay. She was removed to the E. G. Hospital where she was detained for treatment.

The lady in her information said the man who entered her compartment was a European. No trace of the miscreant has yet been found although the police are making searching enquiries.

SWADESHI MEETINGS AND ROWDYSM.

Calcutta Police Annoyed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The "Empire" states that the police were pelted after the Swdeshi meeting in Beadon Square last night one constable being hit in the back by a brick bat. It adds:—"There is a strong feeling in the police force that such out-breaks should be treated as infringements of the law andthat crowds which employ such tactics should be regarded as disorderly and dispersed with whatever force it may be necessary to employ."

DEATH OF CONDUCTOR O'DONNELL.

Lucknow Mutiny Veteran.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 16.

Conductor O'Donnell, one of the two last Military survivors of the Mutiny in Lucknow, died here yesterday.

The deceased, who was seventy-nine years of age, was one of the few veterans who held the Mutiny Medal with Clasps for Delhi and Relief and Siege of Lucknow and the Afghan War Medal with Clasp.

Conductor O'Donnell joined the Bengal Artillery in '46 at Umballa, and when the mutiny occurred joined the Delhi force and was present at the assault. He then joined Greathed's Agra column and went thence to Lucknow under Campbell and with Sergeant Woodroffe he made a bonfire on top of the Martiniere buildings which first told the beleaguered garrisen of relief

O'Donnell attended the Delhi Durbar on 1903 for receiving the medal.

At his funeral this morning the coffin, covered with wreaths was drawn by the Gunners of the Royal Field Artillery with a firing party of the Durham Light Infantry.

The ceremony was very impressive and was attended by the deceased's old comrade in arms and Captain Routleff the last Military survivor in Lucknow.

MADRAS MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION.

A Year's Review.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

In closing their general municipal review of the District Municipalities in 1906-07 the Madras Government remark that the general standard of Municipal administration remained much the same as in the previous year. There were sixty Municipalities with 940 members of whom 69 were ex-officio Councillors, 410 were nominated by Government 461 were elected. Of these 197 were officials, 743 non-officials. The average attendance of members continued to be poor viz., 8.7 or 51.2 per cent. of sanctioned strength. The sanitary condition of most towns continued to be indifferent.

MADRAS RAILWAY SERVANTS.

Extension of Service.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS DECEMBER 16.

A Circular has been addressed to Heads of Departments, Stationmasters and others concerned, by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, intimating that fresh circulars will be issued offering the staff extension of services till June next. The Agent also states he will deal with provident fund after the proceedings of the delegates and the opinion of the Advocate General have been circulated. All replies which have been received from employes to previous communications have been cancelled.

EAST COAST RAILWAY.

Through Communication Restored.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

Through communication on the North-East line of the Madras Railway has been restored.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY, ARRILALS DECEMBER 16.
Lt. Beyts, 122 R. Inft, from Bhuj.
Major Clark, A, V. D. from Ahmednagar.
Lieut. Biscol. 112 Inft. from Nasirabad.
Major Chichester, Dorset Regt, from England.
Captain Bridges, R. A. M. C.
Major Beville, S. & T. Corps from Poona.

DEPARTURES, DECEMBER 16.
Col. Caulfield, 110 M. I. to Ahmednagar.
Capt. Bridges, R. A. M. C., to Secunderabad.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

Lt. Colonel Peyton and Major Crocker of the 9th Horse are appointed Commandant and 2nd Commandant, respectively, of the 9th Horse.

Major Mocatta is appointed Commandant, 2nd Battallion, 39th Garhwalis vice Colonel Evat appointed Colonel on the Staff, Madras Brigade.

Lieut. Davies of the Unattached List, on appointment to the Indian Army is posted to the 48th Pioneers.

Lieut. Cameryn of the 7th Rajputs and Lieut. Hodson of the 119th Infantry are appointed to the Civil Police in Eastern Bengal and Assam.

Approval has been given to the resignarion of his Commission by Lieutenant Green of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Captain Calvert of the 1st Dragoons is permitted to retire from the Service to serve in the Imperial Yeomanry.

Lieut. H. E. Dunsterville of the Royal Garrison Artillery is appointed Asst Instructor of Gunnery at Aden.

Approval has been given to the retirement of Colonel H. T. Butcher of the Royal Garrison Artillery from the 29th of January next.

CALCUTTA MAHOMEDANS AND EDUCATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

Mr. Erle, Director of Public Instruction, met a number of Mahomedan gentlemen at Writers Buildings here to-day to discuss the educational questions; the points considered including the Examination Scheme proposed by Dr. Denison Ross and the teaching of English in the Madrasas.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer "Moyoro Moru" left Singapore for Colombo on the 15th inst.

A LARGE gang of raiders is again out on the Peshawar border, Azakhel Baranear Fort being visited last Friday and a quantity of sheep and goats driven off the identity of the marauders has not yet been reported but the last raid in the same neighbourhood was by Zakka Khels. Reorgnisation schemes are understood to have been sanctioned for the Burma Land Record Department and for the subordinate staff of Burma Agricultural Department

DISASTROUS FIRE AT DHARAVI.

Two Lives Lost—Five Injured.

1,500 PERSONS RENDERED HOMELESS.

AT 5 o'clock yesterday morning a disastrous fire broke out in the *jonclas* huts in Dharavi, a village near Mahim, and resulted in the complete destruction of 60 huts and loss of two lives. Dharavi village is situated north of Mahim and about two thousand low caste Hindus who are employed in the tanneries live there in cadjan huts. These huts are built in four rows, and the material used in their construction being dried palm leaves and bamboos the whole lot was destroyed in an hour's time. The whole population of this small colony which numbers about 1,500, has been rendered homeless by this disaster. The residents were Mahars, Chamars, and Mochees—all low caste Hindus and most of them had left their huts before 5 o'clock to attend their work in the factories. The fire which rendered so many families homeless left no time for the people or the police to help and save even some of them. The Mahim fire manual was taken to the spot but it could do nothing to check the fire. No "steamer" of the Bombay Fire Brigade could be brought into requisition. In fact the fire had done its work and was over before any fire engine could reach the place.

It appears that the fire originated in the hut of Bhimabai, a Hindu woman, who had lighted the fire early in the morning to cook the food for her husband and son who are employed in a Cotton Mill and had to start by 5 o'clock. After the food was prepared and the men had left, the woman went to bed leaving the fire burning. The sparks from of the burning fire spread into the hut which was soon ablaze. Those who were out in the fields, seeing the smoke and the blaze, raised an alarm and the people who either were asleep or cooking their food were aroused. They had to leave their places almost naked and all they possessed was left behind, which was destroyed.

On the south of the rows of these huts was situated a wooden-frame chawl belonging to a Mochee named Bapu Madhu. In this chawl the chamars dry hides and skin. The fire extended to this chawl and a portion of it was burnt. The fire brigade men directed their energies towards saving the post-office building which stands close to the fired huts and they succeeded in saving it from the fire, Police Superintendent Priestly and Inspector Gough were on the spot and it was with great difficulty that they and the native policeman stopped those people from entering the burning huts to save their chattels.

Two lives were lost in the disaster. Among the burning heaps were found the body of an old woman which was identified to be that of Bhaguboi (50) and another body that of a child was subsequently extricated from the debris and identified as that of Anji, a Hindu girl of 3. The following five persons were severely burnt and were removed to the J. J. Hospital for treatment: Dhondibai woman (40); Tukaram Bapu a Chamar, (55); Krishmabai woman, (40); Limbi Jotti, a Moshee, (50); and Sidhu Vaghu, a Mochee, (55).

The amount of the damage is not ascertained.

Those 1,500 people rendered homeless were found sitting in the fields all day and they passed the night in the open air.

THE CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—When one reads in the English Catholic papers the good that is being done by Federations and Federated Societies in England and other European countries his heart rejoices at the unity and progress prevailing [redacted] the Catholic of those enlightened countries in Europe as in India, the [redacted] claim. "One Fold, One Shepherd" [redacted] this sentiment British and Indian [redacted] join. But here in [redacted] cannot be unity of sentiment [redacted] interests. The Catholic community is composed [redacted] various elements that cannot be fused owing [redacted] allegiance. In the whole of British India, including the Island of Ceylon, all the Catholic prelates, with the single exception of the aged Archbishop of Madras, the Most Rev Dr. Colgan, are foreigners, and as such their interest and national sentiments are not and cannot be identical with those of British subjects As a matter of fact, there have been conflicting cases. The people of Salsette and Bassein have presented to the Holy See petitions on matters educational, complaining against the indifference and apathy of the Portuguese prelate and his clergy and it is no secret to say that there have been frequent conflicts and friction s between the clergy and the laity In regard to the Archdiocese of Bombay, the fight for an English Archbishop has become an historical fact, and the treatment of Native Christians in regard to education is a subject of complaint which has been carried to Rome. This being the case, it is for your readers to interpret the following Rule (Rule XVII) laid down for the guidance of the Catholic Federation:—

"In measures touching diocesan interest no final decision shall be taken by the Federation without the consent of the Ordinary of the diocese concerned."

To me this seems a gagging proviso, for it is not likely that the Ordinary will give his consent to a representation made against himself or his administration. I appeal to your British instinct whether this will not unduly fetter liberty of action.

EXPERIENTIA DOCET.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The M. A. Degree.

The results of the examination of the Bombay University for the M. A. Degree were announced yesterday Harilal Ravishankar Antani gets the Sujua Gokulji Zal Vedant prize. Chimanlal Maganlal Doctor gets the Kashinath Trimbak Telang gold medal and prize. The following are the names of successful candidates:—

FIRST CLASS

Chimanlal Maganlal Doctor.

SECOND CLASS.

Soares, Anthony X	Advani, Dowlatram B
Master, Karim Mahomed	Nanavkarkatti Durgaprasad N
Samtani, Gopaldas W	Patwakar, Madhav J
Bapat, Trimbak Vaman	Chakradev, Ramchandra V

PASS CLASS,

Rodrigues, Edward	Divanji, Pralhad G
Antani, Harilal Ravishankar	Gigwala, Framroz Jamshedji
Bhat, Narsinhprasad Kalidas	Gokhale, Mahadev Damodar
Sovani, Venkatesh Vaman	Maniar, Hakemchand H
Bilimoria, Rustomji Sorabji	Oka, Nilkant Anant
Colah, Hamabai Ratanji	Pathak, Chhaganlal Jagjivan
Forbes, Dorab Noshirwan	Kanal, Parasram Verhomal
Kirpalani, Hiranand K	Patvardhan, Govind W
Wadia, Ardesar H A	Pandya, Manu C
Dvivedi, Manilal Shamalbhai	Pestonjamas, Ardesir N
Avashia, Venishankar J	Bhadkamkar, Ramkrishna H

THE Immigration Court at Grimsby rejected a Russian labourer because the money he produced was not his *bona-fide* property, but had been sent by relatives in England to deceive the authorities as to his financial position He threw himself full length upon the stone floor, and, crawling from official to official, embraced their feet and pleaded for admittance.

AN extraordinary outburst on the sun was observed by Dr. Rambaut, Director of the Radcliffe Observatory at Oxford, on the 15th November. About 11-45 in the morning a flame shot out, and, growing at the rate of 10,000 miles a minute, by 12-10 had reached a height estimated to be 325,000 miles above the sun's surface. The flame then broke into fragments, and, except for a mere stump, had disappeared by 12-15.

THE Bishop of Derby states that out of 243 livings in Nottinghamshire there are five in which the stipend is under £100, 33 under £150, and 78 under £200. The result was that patrons had to consider first whether a man could afford to take a living, not the best man for it. This he characterised as a new form of economy, selling the offices of the Church to the highest bidder.

MOTOR NOTES FROM HOME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 20.

THE GREAT SHOW QUESTION.

The aftermath of the Olympia Exhibition is a controversy which bids fair to occupy the columns of the motoring and other papers for some time to come. A "no-show" movement was started in the second week of the Show, and a petition asking the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders not to hold any show next year was signed by a number of those who see no good in the shows that have been or are to come. The reasons advanced against the show were, briefly, those stated in the concluding paragraph of my last letter. At a meeting of those interested, held at Olympia, however, the general consensus of opinion was that these exhibitions are beneficial to the motoring industry, and the public generally, and this view was upheld by a big majority of voters. On this the management of the Motor Show took immediate action and booked Olympia for corresponding dates in 1908 and 1909, securing an option on the hall for 1910 and 1911. The show is thus a certainty for the next two years at least. But this, of course, will not close the discussion. It will probably stimulate the controversial propensities of the leaders of the opposition. It is, nevertheless, a fact that orders at the show are reported to have been fewer than last year, though it may be said, as against this, that it is not now so necessary to place your orders so far in advance as was formerly the case, and that buyers being aware of this, do not hurry in putting their orders through, preferring to take their time in making selections. Still, as regards the better known firms, some of these did very well indeed. I was told, on good authority, that one British firm booked orders to the extent of nearly £500,000, representing some 1,000 cars of this firm's make.

CONCERNING THE CHEAP CAR.

A correspondent, whilst kind enough to appreciate my efforts to make these notes interesting to the motorist in the East, thinks better success might be achieved by devoting greater attention to the question of the "cheap" car. Well, this is precisely what I have, among other things, most in mind. The question, of course, is, what is intended to be conveyed, in this connection, by the term "cheap?" It is difficult to enthuse over a car costing less than, say, £200. Personally I do not care much for such cars. I would much prefer a motor-cycle with side or fore-car, a good tri-car, or a "quad". The cheapest four-wheeled car on the market at present is the "O. T. A. V.", of which the Junior Motor Car Company, of Jermyn-street, W., are the agents. This is a 5½ h.-p. single-cylinder, two-seater, with hood and wire wheels, capable of doing 25 to 30 miles per hour on the level, 3 speeds forward, no reverse, petrol consumption (roughly) one gallon to 40 miles, price 95 guineas. The "O. T. A. V." is a very handy little run-about for anyone who merely needs a small car to run round town, the plantations, or from bungalow to office and back The "O.T.A.V." is simple in construction and is fairly good at hills.

EDISON BLUFF.

There is going to be no such cheapness as has been hinted at in some of the papers, following upon the use of the "new" Edison storage battery, when we shall get a first-class electric brougham of practically unlimited power at a couple of hundred pounds or so. This accumulator—or whatever it is, reports differ—is stated to have solved the problem of providing an almost infinitely great power at an almost infinitely small cost. Does it need to be said that most of these reports are mere "bunkum"? The battery in question is that invented a few years back, and it has not produced the results anticipated. So far as any real information goes, there is no evidence whatever that it has done, or is going to do, any of the wonderful things attributed to it by a sensational press.

THE PARIS SALON EXHIBITION.

The great event of the motor world, following upon Olympia, is the Paris Salon Exhibition. A good deal of information, "forecast" and other is to hand, from which it is possible to gather a fair idea as to the conditions there. The attendance is said to have been, so far, larger than the previous year, and what has been said of Olympia may apply almost in the same terms to the Salon. The small cars, and voiturettes, in which some readers seems to be chiefly interested, are very prevalent. Several are priced at about £100, the Passe-Partout for instance. But, after all is said to the credit of the voiturette, it is impossible to be quite sure of sound construction and material at such low prices. If there is a growing public demand for cheap cars, much more care will have to be taken in their construction and design than is the case now.

TOWARDS UNIFORMITY.

There is the same general tendency towards uniformity in design. The larger firms do not depart much from what have come to be considered as now uniform practice; and if, as some still have it, standardisation is as far off as ever, nevertheless the same well-tried principles are adhered to more and more. Live-axle drive continues to rise in favour, but the adoption of the oil-bath chain-cover tends to give the chain-drive a new lease of life. This principle is, to all intents and purposes, the same as that of the oil-bath gear-case for bicycles, and its advantages are too obvious to need enlarging upon. As regards sales, there is a falling off in the matter of big priced vehicles, and a larger demand for an average of 15-20 h.-p.

NON-SKIDS.

An excellent catalogue has been issued by the Validus Non-Skid Motor Tyre Company, of 109, Victoria-street, Westminster. The Validus Company's specialities are their unpuncturable leather non-skids, vulcanised to the tyre by cold process, and detachable non-skids which are easily fitted to, or detached from, either new or worn tyres. The Validus horn and attachment, by means of which the rubber bulb—always a nuisance in the tropics—is dispensed with. This is a useful device and will not easily get out of order. It is one of the best I have seen for strength, simplicity and smartness of appearance.

ELASTES.

The Elastes filling has, evidently, come to stay and good things continue to be said of it on every hand. The Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Co., Ltd., have undertaken the selling agency in the United Kingdom. The new moveable flange rim, introduced by the Elastes Company, has now made it possible for use in any tyres which are in fairly good condition. The ability to fill used tyres should divert a lot of new business to the Company.

SOME NOTEWORTHY SALES AND A "COAK."

A noteworthy sale at Olympia was a 28 h.-p. 6 cyl. Lancaster car to H. H. the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar (Prince Ranjitsingji), who visited the show. Incidentally, he purchased three or four other cars for his suite. Other Eastern orders are a 25 h.-p. seven-seated Daimler car for the Rajah of Mudhol through the Bombay Motor Car Company, Ltd., and a 14-16 h.-p. F. I. A. T. landaulet delivered to the Maharaja of Mysore.

SOME curious items in the accounts of Signor Nasi were referred to in the course of his trial at Rome. A bulkly collection of photographs of pretty girls was paid for, the "Chronicle" says, under the heading of "Grants for the extermination of insects noxious to agriculture."

WITH effect from 1st January the document presented at a post office for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of posting must contain in addition to the particulars already prescribed an entry of the actual number (in words) of the articles in respect of which the certificate is required.

CANON WILLIAM HECTOR LYON, known as the blind vicar of Sherborne, who is lying ill, has, on medical advice, resigned the living after forty years' ministry. He was actually born in his own church, his parents occupying Abbey Lady Chapel as a dwelling house. He is in his 81st year.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

COLLIERY DISPUTE SETTLED.

The New Bounties.

MUTINY VETERANS HONOURED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 2.

Resumption of work in the Newcastle and Maitland districts was general on Tuesday. The miners at only one colliery, and that a second-class one, the Rhondda, objected to go into the pit. They requested the manager to dismiss two of the non-unionists employed at the mine. This the manager refused to do, and the miners thereupon declined to go to work. After waiting about the pit top for a while they returned to their homes. As soon as this became known there was much speculation at Newcastle and also in Sydney, as to what result this dispute might have on the recent strike settlement, and some persons were inclined to take a somewhat serious view of the position. Mr. Lewis, the miners' district treasurer, left Newcastle this afternoon for Taralabo, and information was received in Sydney later that the difficulty had been got over and that the men would resume work at Rhondda next day. When the news reached the Premier as to the trouble at the Rhondda mine, he got into telephonic communication with Mr. P. Bowling, the president of the Miners' Federation, and urged him to induce the men to resume work, as anything occurring just now might lead to serious trouble. Mr. Bowling replied that he had told the men to go back to work and they did. Meanwhile the shortage of coal is pronounced. Over 50,000 tons of coal are required to meet orders for the current week, and there is no prospect of more than 7,000 being obtained. The Victorian Railways and the Metropolitan Gas Company will have the first claim on the early shipments. The increase in freights to inter-State ports still prevails and the steamship companies say that there is no likelihood of a reduction before the end of next week.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Malbourne Law Institute Mr. T. P. Denham said that a combination had been formed by members of the Bar in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland, that they would not hold a brief with any other member of the profession before the High Court except in cases where the other barrister appeared before the Court when sitting in his own State In other words, a member of the Bar in Western Australia was not to hold a brief except in Western Australia. This combination was effected in August 1905, though it had only come to the knowledge of two prominent members of the Victorian Bar in the last three months. This action appeared to him to be directly against section 117 of the Constitution Act, which provided that no British subject was to be placed in a worse position in one State than in the State in which he lived. Parliament which passed the Judiciary Act, which allowed practitioners in any State to appear before the High Court, would, he thought, readily pass legislation dealing with this position if necessary. It was a question whether it was necessary to move, and if so, in what direction?

THE NEW BOUNTIES.

The Attorney-General directs attention to the Bounties Bill passed by both Houses, and that it now awaits the Governor-General's assent. "It will be remembered," he said, "that the Bill was the outcome of the report of a committee of State experts, over which I presided. As passed, the Bill provides for £339,000 to be paid in 15 years. Some of the items cease in four years, and others up to 15 years. The only conditions imposed are that white labour only is to be employed, and that the standard rates of wages ruling in the district are to be paid. The schedule was modified by the omission of a comparatively few items. The following are the bounties as finally agreed to:—

Ginned cotton, 10 years, 10 per cent, maximum to be paid in one year £6,000.

New Zealand flax, 10 years, 10 per cent., maximum to be paid in one year £3,000.

Flax and hemp, 5 years, 10 per cent., maximum to be paid in one year £8,000.

Jute, 5 years, 20 per cent, maximum to be paid in one year £9,000.

Sisal hemp, 10 years, 10 per cent., maximum to be paid in one year £3,000.

Cotton seed, 8 years, 10 per cent., maximum to be paid in one year £1,000.

Linseed, 5 years, 10 per cent, maximum to be paid in one year £5,000.

Rice, 5 years, 20s. per ton, maximum to be paid in one year £1,000

Rubber, 15 years, 10 per cent., maximum to be paid in one year £2,000.

Coffee, 8 years, 1d. per lb., maximum to be paid in one year £1,500.

Tobacco leaf for cigars, 5 years, 2d. per lb., maximum to be paid in one year £4,000.

Preserved fish, 5 years, 1/2d. per lb., maximum to be paid in one year £10,000.

Dried dates, 15 years, 1d. per lb., maximum to be paid in one year £1,000.

Dried and canned fruits, exported, 5 years, 10 per cent., maximum to be paid in one year £6,000

Combed wool or tops, exported, 5 years, 1½d. and 1d. maximum to be paid in one year £10,000.

The Act will date back to July 1, 1907, so that the bounties will apply to current crops, with the exception of those on wool and tops, which will commence on July 1 1909, in order that time may be allowed for the installation of the requisite machinery."

HONOURING THE VETERANS.

Seventy battle-scarred warriors, some minus a limb, others supporting themselves with sticks but standing as erect as their weakened frames would allow them, all proud of the medals that blazoned upon their breasts denoting honourable service in the field—these gallant veterans of the Crimea and Indian Mutiny drew into line at the School of Instruction, Victoria barracks, on Saturday night, and with the stolid countenances that mark the "attention" state at parade awaited the arrival of the Governor-General. At the invitation of the Minister of Defence, these living memorials of England's darkest hours and most glorious deeds of heroism had assembled to talk over the stirring events of long ago, to dine together and subsequently to be driven to the Exhibition to witness a military spectacle and take an active part in a vivid representation of the Relief of Lucknow Upon entering the large room His Excellency passed along the double line of veterans, shaking hands with many, offering a word of encouragement to the more feeble, and making inquiries as to the significance of certain medals for special distinction. The vicissitudes of fortune have been by no means kind to the great majority of these 70 aged warriors. Many of them are spending their last days in charitable institutions, and only a few are enjoying the comforts of life. The daring deeds of old are not forgotten, but it is pathetic and discreditable that the doers of them are so little remembered by a thoughtless Empire. In welcoming his guests, Mr. Ewing, amidst hearty laughter, read a letter which he had received from a veteran, apologising for his absence. "Memories of the past," he said, "must give way to the realities of the present—in fact my wife won't let me come. God save the King and the army and navy for ever." (Laughter and cheers.) In responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Mr. Ewing, his Excellency the Governor-General said it gave him great pleasure to take his share in doing honour to the valor of the veterans present and their comrades of 50 years ago. He was old enough to recollect the interest with which he had read of the battles of the Alma, Balaclava, and Inkerman, of the trials during the long Russian winter, of their sufferings in the hospitals at Scutari, and the valiant attack upon the Redan and the ultimate triumph at Sebastopol. He could remember the dark days of the mutiny and the stirring events at Cawnpore, Lucknow and Delhi. He remembered one well known to all Crimean and Indian veterans, Sir Colin Campbell, afterwards Lord Clyde. What Englishman had not read with pride of Havelock the two Lawrences, Outram and others. He gladly bore his testimony to the valor of the men who helped to make the Empire great, and to express his confident conviction that when necessity arose the memory of their great deeds would stimulate the younger generation to keep the Empire as great as they (the veterans) had made it. Subsequently each veteran received as a gift from his Excellency a pipe and pouch of tobacco.

MR. KEIR HARDIE SPEAKS IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Keir Hardie was tendered a reception in the Fremantle Trades Hall on Tuesday morning, and presented with an address of welcome from organised labour in Western Australia. Replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Mr. T. H. Bath, M. L. A., Mr. Hardie said he had not come to Australia to take part in any political campaign. He would regard it as sheer presumption on his part to pretend to speak with any degree of knowledge upon Australian questions. He had seen much harm done by men from one part of the world interfering with the affairs of another part. He could conceive no more powerful weapon in the hands of their enemies than to have it said that a mere visitor had been called to their aid in connection with political matters. He hoped that his visit would help to bring forces of progress in Australia into closer relationship with those of the motherland, and thereby hasten the time when they should see, not merely a federation of the Empire, but what was more important, a federation of the world, a federation under which war would cease and poverty be swept away.

In an interview Mr. Keir Hardie said:—

"I went through the Punjab and the mutiny area in India and found things very quiet. There had been some agitation in different parts in Delhi and the district around Lahore, arising out of the doubling of the municipal assessment in Delhi; some proposed land confiscation legislation, a heavy increase in irrigation water charges, and the addition of 25 per cent. to the rent paid by the peasants. Lord Minto vetoed the confiscation legislation, the proposals to increase the irrigation charges were postponed for a year, and the increased municipal assessment at Delhi was dropped. Thereupon the agitation subsided. That was the alleged sedition of last April and May that so much was heard about in the press. The whole of the stories of the danger of another mutiny were so much journalistic imagination on the part of a section of the Anglo-Indian journalists I made no public speeches in India whatsoever, and the only approach to a public speech made by me was when replying to an address of welcome at Tuticorin."

"You were credited with likening European members of the Indian Civil Service to Bashi-Bozooks," said the reporter.

Mr. Hardie smiled incredulously, and replied: "You know my opinion when I say that the Civil Service of the Empire, and that includes India, is the cement that binds the Empire together."

"What impression did you form of the East?"

"My impression is that the East is going to develop very rapidly, and that it will open a new and vast problem in the world's politics."

"Will Japan act as tutor to China?"

"I think not. The Chinese have little affection for the Japanese."

Referring to India, Mr. Hardie said:—"The peasants are at the last stage of poverty. For the past ten years famine and plague have been with them nearly all the time and in consequence their stamina has gone. They have no resources to fall back upon, and generally speaking their lot is deplorable. The conditions of certain parts of India at the present time is too appalling for words."

"What is necessary for a change?"

"Educate the people at home. They know nothing about India. Their ignorance is the real root of the trouble in India."

"You are satisfied as to the loyalty of the people of India?"

"Absolutely. There are no more loyal people, but their lot is not a happy one."

THE NEW PROTECTION.

The resolutions passed at a recent meeting of the Associated Chambers of the Manufactures in Sydney were on Wednesday submitted to the Minister for Customs by Messrs. O. C. Beale, the president of the Conference, and J. M. Joshua, the Victorian president. The first matter touched upon was the new protection. Mr. Beale said that the Chambers had passed the following resolution:—"That, while realising that one of the chief objects of protection is to provide well-paid employment for Australian workers, this council is yet of opinion that the proposal for Federal excise is a cumbersome and impracticable addition to State Wages Boards and Arbitration Courts, which exist for the same purpose and should not be superseded until they have had a longer and more thorough trial, and that in any case the Excise Act should not apply when such industrial courts already have jurisdiction." Mr Beale went on to say that the principle of what was called the new protection had not yet been tested elsewhere in the world. It was regarded by manufacturers with not only anxiety, but with some consternation. They were in favour of any readjustment of wages that would be considered by an industrial court fair and reasonable. The new tribunal which had been created by the Federal Parliament was superseding Wages Boards in Victoria and Arbitration Courts in New South Wales. It had already, however, given contradictory decisions. Mr. Justice O'Connor having laid down certain rates as the wages to be observed in the agricultural industry in South Australia, and Mr. Justice Higgins having framed a different set for Victoria. They were not in favour of sweating or low remuneration, but merely asked that they should be told in advance what they might have to pay. Mr. Chapman, in reply, said that there were bound to be difficulties when new legislation like this was being dealt with. No one denied that there had been very great anomalies. He recognised that manufacturers were not told what fair and reasonable wages were until quite recently, the Government was anxious to ask Parliament not to penalise those who had paid fair and reasonable wages. He had been informed that the wages fixed in the distilling industry were being paid. He would be glad if both sides would come together and discuss the best way out of the difficulties. The whole thing hinged on the measure of protection given to manufacturers, as they could not pay fair and reasonable wages if the measure of protection was insufficient. The anomaly between the South Australian and Victorian decisions must be removed. They could not have one manufacturer compelled to pay higher wages in one place than in another. There must be uniformity, and it was the duty of the Government to remove these anomalies. He was glad that the deputation was opposed to an army of inspectors being employed, and also to lawyers being engaged in cases. There appeared to be very little difference between the views of the employers and the men. In a few days the Prime Minister would place a memorandum on the table of Parliament which would deal with the whole subject.

THE TARIFF.

Not excepting even the big week, when the House of Representatives sat night and day on the closure resolution, has there ever been a more exhausting week in the Federal Parliament than the last one. The attendances were wonderful, and this is shown by the large divisions. It was fortunate that long speeches were the exception; otherwise, the machinery division of the tariff would not have been finished. The wonder of the debate is Sir William Lyne, who appar

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

The following excerpts from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, held on the 3rd December :—

Read the following letter from the Engineer, dated the 30th November, the lease of Plots Nos. 7, 22, 23, 37, 53, 62 and 65 were put up to public auction by Messrs. Bennett and Co., Auctioneers, on the 27th instant.

The following plots were leased :—Plots Nos. 7, 22, 23 and 53.

The plots sold realized an average rate of Rs. 97-98 per sq. yard.

The accompanying statement shows the rate per square yard realized for each plot at sale and interest at 4½ per cent. on the capital value of the plot per annum :—

PRINCESS STREET ESTATE.

No. of plot.	Tot l area.	Rate per sq. yd. realized.	Capital value of plot.	4½ per cent interest on capital value.
	Sq. yds.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.
7	214	43 0 0	22,102 0 0	994·59
22	384	77 0 0	29,568 0 0	1,330·56
23	342	77 0 0	26,719 0 0	1,202·35
53	908	146 0 0	1,32,568 0 0	5,965·56
Total...2,153	.....		2,10,957 0 0	9,493·06

Average rate per square yard Rs. 97-98.

Read also the following letter from Messrs Bennett & Co., Auctioneers, dated the 28th November received through the Engineer :—

We have the honour to inform you that the right of occupancy of the following plots for the terms of 999 years was put up to auction yesterday and sold at the prices marked against them.

Plot No.	Per sq. yd.	Purchasers.
7	Rs. 43	Rahimtoola Esdenbhoy.
22-23	„ 77	Sitaram Laxman.
53	„ 146	Cassum Ally Jairaj Jhaboo Peerbhoy.

We enclose herein site plan signed by the purchasers.

Resolution—To be recorded.

Considered papers underlying the following memorandum by the Chairman, dated the 27th November.

SCHEME III.

We shall shortly have portion of the new 80' road, Scheme III, between Queen's Road and Duncan Road ready for opening, and it is not too soon to decide upon the name the new street is to bear. Under Section 327 of the Municipal Act and Section 42 of our Act, we can determine the name by which any street vested in us shall be known, but I think, as a matter of courtesy, we should communicate the name we propose to the Commissioner for his remarks and the remarks of the Corporation. This is probably the longest and most important new thoroughfare we shall ever undertake as one scheme in the already occupied areas of the city, and I should like to take this opportunity to perpetuate the name of the founder of the Trust—Lord Sandhurst—by calling it 'Sandhurst Road'—the length from Queen's Road to Parel Road being known as 'Sandhurst Road-West' and from Parel Road to Elphinstone Bridge as 'Sandhurst Road-East.' I hope the Board will adopt this name. It may be possible to formally open the road in March if not before, as far as Duncan Road, and if I find that this can be done, I think we might ask H. E. Sir G. Clarke to perform the function.

The B.B.&C.I Ry. people will possibly wish to similarly open the new bridge, and it would be well to make one business of it if they agree. I will, if approved, communicate with Major Shelley on the subject.

It was agreed that this street should be named "Sandhurst Road" throughout.

Considered papers underlying the following letter from the Engineer, dated the 9th November :—

With reference to Trustees' resolution of 23rd July and to your letter of 29th July I have the honour to forward herewith detailed plans and estimate for the construction of reinforced concrete buildings in Scheme VIII with shops and godowns on the ground floor and living rooms on the upper floors.

The amount of the estimate is Rs. 2,77,000. This works out at Rs. 1,000 per living room, excluding the shops and godowns, but counting each shop and godown as a room, the cost works out to Rs. 793 per room. There are 276 living rooms measuring with the verandah 150 sq. ft each. There are 39 shops averaging 210 sq. ft. each, and 34 godowns averaging about 680 sq. ft. each from which it will be seen that the present rate per room compares favourably with our previous rates.

I think that the best way of carrying out this work will undoubtedly be to do it departmentally, as I am of opinion that the work will be carried out more cheaply and the quality will be much better than if carried out by contract. If, however, the Board decide to carry out the work by contract, I will obtain rates from Messrs. Marsland, Price & Co., who are the only firm having any experience in this method of construction. At the same time I would point out that we have to pay nearly the same amount for supervising staff whether we do the work by contract or departmental agency.

Read the following memorandum by the Chairman, dated 20th November:

ACCOMMODATION FOR POORER CLASSES DISPLACED.

Herewith are circulated plans and estimates for the Scheme which have been prepared in accordance with Trustees' Resolution dated 23rd July.

As it is necessary to make such a Scheme financially possible in such a locality, the plans provide for shops and godowns on the ground floor and for living rooms on three upper floors.

The design for the living rooms is that generally adopted for the Trust chawls but adapted to suit the site and somewhat improved.

The first and upper floors comprising the living rooms are set back from the frontage, leaving an open terrace so that rubbish thrown out of the rooms (a habit we cannot all at once break the people of) will not fall into the street in front of the shops, but on the terrace at 1st floor level, which can be kept clean by the staff employed. The elevation has been improved and some minor alterations made in the verandah arrangements, which will add to the comfort of the occupants.

The estimate amounts to Rs 2,77,000 and provide for 276 living rooms, 39 shops and 34 godowns. The area of the 39 shops is 8,190 sq. ft, which is equivalent to 54 living rooms with verandahs, and the area of godowns is 23,120 sq. ft., equivalent to 154 living rooms with verandahs. The whole accommodation, therefore, is equivalent to 494 living rooms and the cost on this equivalent represents Rs. 572·5 per living room.

The estimates for the Imamwada and Chandanwady chawls work out to Rs.563 and Rs. 577 per room, so that as regards cost the present estimates must be regarded as being satisfactory having regard to the advance in prices of labour and material. As regards revenue, from a review of present rent for shops, godowns and living rooms in the neighbourhood it appears that we may reasonably expect for these excellent shops Rs. 12 per 100 sq ft. per mensem, for the godowns about Rs. 4 per 100 sq. ft., and for the living rooms Rs. 3·75. But I propose to put the latter at Rs. 3·8 each. The totals on the shop and godown areas would give rents as follows :—

39 shops...	...	...	Rs. 24 per mensem each.
18 godowns	behind	shops	„ 30 „
1 large godown behind shops ...		...	„ 43 „
15 godowns rear block ...		...	„ 16 „

The total revenue on this scale would be—

	Per mensem. Rs.
276 living rooms at Rs 3·8	966
39 shops at Rs. 24...	936
18 godowns at Rs. 30	540
1 godown at Rs. 43	43
15 godowns at Rs. 16	240
Total per mensem...	2,725 × 12
or per annum...	32,700
Deduct—40 per cent. for outgoings...	13,080
Net return per annum Rs. ...	19,620

This would pay 4 per cent. on an outlay of Rs. 4,90,500, and as the sinking fund is included in the deduction for 'outgoings' this is all we need.

The cost of the buildings representing Rs. 2,77,000, we have Rs. 2,13,500 available as value of land which represents Rs. 52·53 per square yard on the area of 4,064 square yards. The actual cost of this area to us has been Rs. 3,05,922 or Rs 75·27 per square yard (for land and buildings existing on it).

If we consider the result on actual cost the net revenue as above will return 3·36 per cent, on the total of—

2,77,000	buildings.
3,05,922	land.
Total ...	5,85,922

This is a not unsatisfactory result in such a very expensive neighbourhood. The 276 rooms will accommodate 1,104 "adults" the total including children (2 children =1 adult) will be about 1,200 person.

The land to be built at the rear of plots 60, 61, Princess Street Scheme II, will accommodate further 350 persons and will be utilized for the people from Scheme VIII.

I propose I to try and obtain permanently from the Military Department a portion of the site we now occupy on lease from them near the Carnac Bridge. I think they should be able to make over a strip fronting on the G. I. P. Railway for permanent housing as we have very great difficulty in this crowded locality in finding the necessary space for accommodating those displaced.

For the present we have about 1,500 in the semi-permanent huts, and I hope it will be possible to keep these people there until the new buildings in Maudvi-Koliwada are constructed. We should lose no time in building the now proposed accommodation and we shall then be able to house 1,500 + 1,200 + 350 = 3,050.

The total population of the area was about 6,500, but there are many well-to-do traders and shopkeepers etc. among these and the number includes about 1,000 kolis many of whom were owners of properties. I think that if we provide for 3,050 as above we shall have done all possible for the poorer and working classes in this area.

The estimates as stated amount to Rs. 2,77,000, but the estimate for the Scheme No. VIII as sanctioned by Government provides only Rs. 2,00,000 for housing the poor. It will be necessary, therefore, so get Government sanction to increase this provision.

The cost of removing and re-erecting the semi-permanent huts and constructing 75 additional rooms is approximately Rs. 33,000 (Trustees' Resolution No. 260, dated 27 November 1906), and this must be added to Rs. 2,77,000 to obtain the total present cost of housing; we must also add the probable cost of "permanently" housing the 1,500 people now in the semi-permanent huts when we can obtain the land for he purpose, and this may be put at Rs. 1,75,000.

Thus the provision for the Scheme should be—

2,77,000	
33,000	
1,75,000	
Total ...	4,85,000,

or say Rs. 5 lakhs instead of only Rs. 2 lakhs as now sanctioned.

In forwarding these plans and estimates (if approved by the Board) for the sanction of Government, we should therefore at the same time request their sanction to an addition of Rs. 3 lakhs to the estimates of the scheme for the further housing found to be necessary.

Resolution—The plans and estimates, the latter amounting to Rs. 2,77,000, are approved and should be forwarded to Government for sanction as required by Section 28 (3) of the Act. As the sanctioned estimates for Scheme No. VIII include a provision of Rs. 2,00,000 only for housing the displaced poor, Government should be requested to sanction to the addition of a further Rs. 3,00,000 for this purpose to provide for the temporary accommodation which it has been necessary to erect and for further permanent buildings in addition to those now approved.

Considered papers underlying the following letter from the Engineer, dated 13th November.

RE: SCHEME II, HOUSING THE POOR.

I have the honour to inform you that in anticipation of your sanction I have commenced with the work of excavating the foundations of the chawl proposed to be erected for the poor behind plots Nos. 59-61, Princess Street, from the 1st instant, and to request the favour of your sanction to an expenditure of Rs. 41,920, required in connection therewith.

I would point out that the unexpended balance of the amount sanctioned in Trustees' Resolution Nos. 15 and 70 of 1905 is Rs. 1,06,000 and the cost of the chawl may be debited to this sum.

An estimate for the amount accompanies.

ABSTRACTS.
SCHEME II.

Proposed Chawl behind plots Nos. 59-61 at Princess Street.

Recapitulation.

Foundation work ...	...	...	2,542·84
Ground floor ...	...	...	8,437·06
1st floor ...	...	...	7,940·87
2nd floor ...	...	...	7,940·87
3rd floor ...	...	...	7,782·98
Drainage and water arrangements at 10 per cent. of the total cost of construction ...	...	...	3,464·46
		Rs.	88,139·08
Contingencies at 10 per cent. ...		...	3,810·90
Grand Total ...		Rs.	41,920

Resolution.—Sanctioned against the provision for chawl construction in the sanctioned estimate for Scheme No. 11, as modified by Government Resolution No. 1548 (General Department), dated 15th March 1905.

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Pensang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect
Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect.
Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	—	Via Bhamo Perfect.	Via Lisbon. Vincent Perfect

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 16th Dec. 1907.
(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey ...	..	Nil	..	Nil	Nil
Teheran ...	16	1	50 p m	1	10
Suez ...	16	2	25 p m	0	21

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway, for the week ending 26th October last amounted to Rs. 13,099, being a decrease on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 2,962. The total earnings from 1st July to 26th October last were Rs. 2,00,404, being a decrease on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 8,555.

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"Bombay Gazette," 17th Dec. 1907.

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SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HUNT.

For the first time this season the Meet of the Bombay Foxhounds for Sunday was held at Parla. On reaching this favourite "trysting place" one was at once confronted with no little consternation at a large and unusually hideous native bungalow which has during the last few months been erected in the centre of the exact field where for years our Parla Meets have taken place. The space at the end of the well known lane was therefore somewhat cramped, but the erection of this new bungalow fortunately in no way effects the drawing of the neighbouring woods. Some 3 years ago the growth of new houses, especially in the vicinity of the Andheri Road, seemed to indicate that it would be necessary before very long for us to "seek fields and pastures new" if the orthodox hunting of the Jackal was to be continued, but we notice this season with no little pleasure that many of the new bungalows are untenanted. The breaking up of foxhunting in the Isle of Salsette is consequently at any rate retarded, and we trust that for many years to come the scarlet will continue to enliven the landscape in the same delightful districts in which we now are privileged to enjoy such excellent sport. A very large company of people, including many ladies, had assembled at the Meet, and there was accordingly rather a squash in the narrow lane leading from the Meet to the covert. Hounds moved quickly along and found a jackal almost immediately and were off at once at great speed across the rice-fields. The narrow lane and the deep nullah close by and the adjoining very rough melon ground were not by any means to the liking of many horses, who gave vent to their early morning freshness, and the result was there was quite a number of empty saddles almost at the very commencement of the day's proceedings. One sportsman, when afterwards relating his experiences, somewhat graphically described the scene as resembling a battle-field more than anything else. Those people, however, who were lucky enough to get away close to the pack had to gallop their hardest to see what hounds were doing, as the pace at which the "flying beauties" sped over the ground was indeed both fast and furious. Making a straight line for Chuckla Hill, the pack tear straight up one of the steepest parts of the hill, and dip down the far side across the Bomanwadi Valley, which is really delightful to gallop over, as the banks which fence the fields are mostly large and necessitate a horse taking big jumps to negotiate them satisfactorily. On reaching the outskirts of the village of Sahar, however, the hunt was brought to an abrupt termination, but the pack killing the jackal in a native's house. The excessive speed had doubtless been too much for our "quarry," who had thought it was possible to hide from his pursuers. It must have been a breast high scent to enable a pack of hounds to rush across country at a pace which seem to be not unlike a race on the Mahalakshmi Course. It was a most invigorating gallop, but unfortunately all too short. One noticed a riderless black horse which kept himself well to the front throughout the run, his luckless owner having been one of those who came to grief in the deep nullah when moving away from the Meet. Time being well in hand, the Master decided to draw the neighbouring covert at Sahar. One would have thought that hearing the "chorus" of a pack of hounds and the galloping of more than half a hundred horsemen would have suggested to any jackal the advisability of making himself scarce, but this particular animal takes a good deal of frightening. Hacking back the short distance to the Sahar woods, hounds soon tell us that another of their natural enemies was in the vicinity of these woods. Rushing away in the direction of the Andheri Road, we follow the pack over a pleasant stretch of country full of banks and sharp cactus hedges. The latter make especially fine jumps, as the sharp thorns of the cactus are not by any means appreciated by a horse, and he consequently takes good care to lift himself well over them. Crossing the Andheri Road the chase is carried on through a long line of paddy fields and up the hill close by the ruin of old Marole Church. Many black-looking stone walls seem to loom up in front of us, but these obstacles are a pleasure to the well-trained hunter. Circumstances seemed to indicate that we were in for a long gallop up the Marole Hills, but before reaching them the hounds were able to overtake the "varmint" and kill him in an open paddy field. As was the case during the first run, the scent must have been of the best, as hounds were never for a moment at a loss. Seldom, if ever, have we known at this early part of the season the absolute certain manner in which the present pack works out its line. Up to date our hounds have been responsible for no less than 6½ brace of jackals, which is surely a record in not more than 3 weeks' hunting. The funeral obsequies of the second jackal having been performed in the orthodox manner, the huntsmen patiently drew some miles of the thick undergrowth around the Marole caves, but the sun was beginning to make itself felt and nothing resulted, except an occasional whimper from a hound or two, who had doubtless found the stale line of some jackal. The scent was not, however, sufficiently strong to enable them to hold to it for any length of time. One might possibly have wished that the runs yesterday morning had been a little longer, but whilst they lasted the pace of both of them was first class, and taking all in all we enjoyed a fine morning's sport.

There will be a bye day next Tuesday morning, the 17th instant. The Meet will be near Irla railway crossing, which is about a mile beyond Parla. It is a case of necessity for hounds to move off as soon as possible after daybreak, and those people who may come out by train from Bombay must arrange to send their horses to Parla Station. Should they not do so, and get out as usual at Santa Cruz, they will in all probability be too late for the Meet.

JACKAL.

THE VICEROY'S CUP AND THE TRIALS.

Latest Betting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

There has been some indication of business over the approaching two big events of Calcutta meeting. The following are the quotations this evening :—

THE TRIALS.

6 to 4 on Stirabout; 3 to 1 against Sermon; 6 to 1 Sacristan Fitzgrafton and Saloon; 10 to 1 Golden Gleam, Amplify, 16 to 1 Wandin.

Twenties and fifties the others.

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

6 to 4 against Fitzgrafton, 5 to 2 Stir About
6 to 1 Boabdil; 8 to 1 Steinhager.
Twelves and fiftyes the others.

Fitzgrafton ridden by Blades the English Jockey, who arrived by the last Mail, did good full Cup course gallop. The Horse however, is coughing. Boabdil still continues to do his daily three Circuits of the course alternately at slow canter and trotting.

CRICKET.

Malay Team to Bombay.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

Fourteen members of a Malay cricket team who arrived in Madras yesterday from Colombo left the same night for Bombay where they will try conclusions with the principal clubs.

THE MOST BRACING OF BATHS.

A delicious sensation of Coolness and Purity instantly follows a bath containing a little Condy's Fluid, which invigorates the body and braces the nerves in a manner that is unattainable by any other means. The Cooling and Bracing effects are Simply Magical.

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MOTOR BICYCLE COMPETITION.

Run from Bombay to Poona.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 16.

To the credit of Poona enterprise a run up from Bombay to Poona on motor bicycles came off yesterday between "A" team of Bombay and Poona Motor enthusiasts. The distance of 120 miles up the steep Bhor Ghaut particularly has always been regarded as impossible for miniature motor bicycles to negotiate, but it has been done without any serious difficulty and without mishaps worth recording. The teams which left Bombay were comprised as follows :—

Poona—Mr. P. Stewart, 3 1-2 h. p. Riley; Lieut. Salmand, 3 1/2 h. p. Triumph; Lieut. Noel, 3 1/2 h.p. Triumph.

Bombay—Mr. Khambatta 5 h. p. Turn Viridac; Mr. Lewis Peck 3 1/2 h.p. Norton; Mr. Harsimham, 3 1/2 h. p. Viridac.

The timing was a follows :—Stewart, 5 hours 51 minutes; Peck, 6 hours, 30 minutes; Harsimham, 6 hours, 33 minutes; Salmand 6 hours, 49 minntes; Noel. 6 hours, 52 seconds; Khambatta, 7 hours, 29 minutes.

The Poona team on their collective merits accordingly won by 49 minutes. On arriving at Poona at 6 p. m., the Poona team were presented with medals.

Every rider came through at a speed above 15 miles an hour. They started in procession to Vincents Road to avoid the Bombay traffic. The stretch of 22 miles lay before them from this point of view, give and take road with an inordinately bumpy surface to Thana where they agreed to halt. Through an unfortunate mistake the two Triumph-riders and the Norton went sailing away to Vehar in the neighbourhood of the lakes. The remainder got in well under the hour. Something, however, went wrong with the arrangments here. There was no one to greet the motorists nor was any motor fodder ready. Consequently a delay of three hours occurred before they could get any breakfast and the start away. Then the riders got a good stretch of 60 miles with the huge ghaut which had to be surmounted before they could dream of further food or drink. The road was in very fair condition and a deal of good work was put in by the riderss. The going was excellent and the roads, were clear except for the inevitable herds of battle. All were destined to stop and alight on the Bhor Ghaut where thousands of battle were coming down the Ghaut.

The riders had to push on and put in some herculean work. They wondered if they would ever react the top, but they managed it having had lunch at Khandalla, It was all plain sailing to Poona wich was reached without further trouble or anxiety at 5 p.m. The two Triumph machines are recent importations and were it not for a punctured tyre and a foul carburettor, they would have practically made a speedy non-stop run. The Riley and Horton fitted with Druid spring forks came through with clean sheets as did the Vindec, a single cylinder bicycle which was sportingly driven by its owner. The larger twin Vindec behaved itself fairly well and repeatedly showered the other riders with dust when it chanced to pass.

BOMBAY 2nd EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday 21st December.

Entry closed at 6 p m on Monday 16th December.

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs

Mr R R S'bs aus g Killua
Mr R M Philbp's b aus m Epitome
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpest
Mr G K's b aus m Jubilant
Mr W Hutchens' br aus g Vocalist
Mr John Morres' bl aus m Gambara (by wire)
Mr [redacted] ed Lily
Mr [redacted]
Mr [redacted] —Distance 7 furlongs
Mr [redacted] ged)
Mr S [redacted] itome (aged)
Mr [redacted] shad (3 years)
Mr D [redacted] ter (4 years)
Mr W Hutchin's br aus g Baritone (aged)
Mr Rice's b aus m Projecture (aged)
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus g Admiral Crichton (aged)

THE ARAB TRIAL PLATE—Distance 1 Mile.

Mr Toolsidass Tejpal's b a h Scarlet (4 years)
Do g a h Antica 13 3½ (aged)
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Rairhad (4 years)
Do b a h Melbourne (6 years)
Mr G K's b a h Peculiar (aged)
Aga Mirza Ahmed and S H Wahed's ch a h Krishen (4 years)
Mr A M Ameer's g a h Possidon 14 (4 years)
Mr Newton's b a h Hadee (4 years)

THE HOLIDAY PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr A M Bushare's b a h Bourbon 13 3½
Mr Wallace's ch a h Ragub 13 2 3-4
Mr A S Oomer's g a h Basheer 13 3
Mr A S Oomar's b a h Rajput 13 2 1-4
Mr Hajee Sulleman's b a h Patna 13 3 3-4
Mr A K Readymoney's b a h Mudlool 13 1-2
Mr Zaidbin Mohomed's g a h Raschad 13 3 1-2
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a h Lucsky Jaug 13 3 1-2
Mr G K's b a h Madrid 14 0
Mr M Goculdass and Nanjee's b a h Hazza 13 3 1-4
Mr M Goculdass and Nanjee's g a h Calcutta 13 2
Mr Abdul Rajak Abdul Rahman's g a h Fadil 13 2 1-2
Mr M A Pathare's b a h ch agh 13 3 3-4
Mr A G DeSouza's g a h Sabah 13 3
Mr Ebrahim Muna's ch a h Arcad'a 13 3 1-2
Mr A M Ameer's g a h Poesidon 14 0
Mr D Ranchordass' g a h Ashraff 14 0
Mr D Ranchordass' g a h Meerjan 13 3 3-4
Mr Newton's ch a h Little John 13 2
Mr Adil's b a h Dumra 13 3 1-2

THE LITTLE ARAB TRIAL PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs

Aga S Sha's g a h Grey Falcon 13 2½
Mr. A S Oomer's g a h Basheer 13 3
Mr. A L Oomer's b a h Rajput 13 2½
Mr. Hajee Sulkman's b a h Gaucho 3 2½
Mr. A K Readymoney's b a h Mudlool 13 2½
Mr. R R S' b a h Rose 13 3
Mr. R R S' ch a h Sherali 13 3
Mr. Syed Naji Syed Rashid's ch a g Salsoon 13 2½
Mr. Ali Bin Talib's g a h Koomash 13 3
Messrs. M Goculdas and A Nanjee's b a h Caroon 13 2½
Messrs. M Goculdas and A Nanjee's b a h Little Toy 13 2½
Mr. S A Wahed's b a h Angler 13 3
Mr. L K Kapadia's g a h Darby 13 2½
Mr. D Ranchordass' b a h Engine 13 3
Mr. Newton's ch a h Little John 13 2

THE PONY PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's b aus m Welsh Love 14 1½
Mr Kelso's ch aus g Encourage 14½
Mr R R S' ch aus m Lady Naunce by Cyrenian—Nasmue 14 1
Mr Arten A Esayce's br aus g Koko 14 2

Race declared void.

ADDITIONAL RACE

For Bombay 2nd Extra Meeting, 21st December 1907

AUCTION PLATE—Winner Rs 200, 2nd Rs 100 3rd Rs 50 for Arabs 14 hands and under which have never won flat race, value Rs 500 or over 14 hands entered for Rs 1,500 to carry 10st W I 3 lbs for each Rs. 100 down to Rs 500.

ALLOWANCE—Ponies not won race value Rs 150 or over 7th, Distance ½ Mile.

Entry Rs 5 to close 6 P M Wednesday, 18 December with Rs 5 an addition for Ponies not struck out before 6 P M Thursday, 19th December 1907.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 16th December 1907.

THE Bavarian Baron Mettingh died recently, the last of his race. He has bequeathed large legacies to Munich charities, including, the "Leader" states, £5000 to an orphanage and similar institutions, and £15,000 to assist poor engaged couples to marry.

FLORILINE :—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid Floriline sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produce a pleasant lather which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline" being composed in parts of honey and sweet herbs is delicious to the taste and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Depot, 33 Farringdon Road London, England.

THE WEATHER.

1ST TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DECEMBER 16.

The weather continues disturbed south-west of the Bay and cloud is becoming heavy in the south of India. But only a few light falls of rain occurred to the south of the Coromandel Coast.

In Burma, cloud has decreased and the skies are in the greater part of the province, while humidity and temperature are really normal.

In the north-east of India and Orissa, the skies remain free from cloud, the air contains the average quantity of moisture and the temperature is normal except for slight defect in parts of Orissa.

The United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces, no cloud is reported, humidity is normal at a number of stations in the United Provinces and in defect elsewhere, while the temperature is in defect in the Central Provinces, west of Central India and normal in the rest of the Division.

In the north-west of India, light cloud appeared in the extreme north, but elsewhere the skies remain clear; the air is generally drier than usual and the temperature approximately normal.

In the Peninsula, Negapatam and Pamban had light falls of rain. Cloud has spread over the whole Division and is heavy in the south of India Humidity is normal or in defect and the temperature nearly normal.

Forecast :—A few falls of rain are probable in the south of India.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 16TH DECEMBER.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Drought still continues. Absence of rain causing anxiety.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat requires rain.

Agra.—Absence of rain causing anxiety. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat doing well.

Viramgam.—Cotton plants flourishing.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants in flower and showing bolls. Cotton healthy and large area sown this year.

Dholera.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and want more rain.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Barsi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Sholapur.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally.

Hubli.—Cotton plants in flower. Fine weather doing good to wheat. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants in flower.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32 deg. F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a. m. (local time) on the 16th December was 29·977. The hight of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder was 13ft. at 8 a. m. (local time). The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer supposing the reading to be 30·00 and that of attached thermometer 80 deg. F. will be 14 and this will be higher or lower by ·01 for each 4 deh. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the hight of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet it will read higher or lower by ·01 for each 11 feet. The readings givin above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 16TH DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Monday, the 16th December, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—The sky is moderately clouded at Rawal pindi but is cloudless elsewhere. Humidity is moderately in excess of normal at Delhi and more or less in defect in other places. Wind was north-easterly at Multan, while calms and north-westerly winds prevailed elsewhere. Maximum temperature was 4° in excess of normal at Ambala while the minimum temperature was 4° to 8° cooler at Sirsa and Ambala.

United Provinces.—Skies are clear and humidity has risen and is now slightly above normal at Agra but elsewhere it is generally in defect. Calms and westerly winds prevail generally. Yesterday's maximum was fairly normal at Mainpari and Jhansi but elsewhere both the day and night temperatures were cooler than usual.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear and the air is considerably drier than usual in Rajputana and at Karachi. Calm and north-easterly winds prevail generally. Maximum temperature was about normal at Ajmer and 2° to 4° hotter at Karachi and Jahpur. Night temperature was 3° to 7° cooler than usual throughout these districts.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded and the air is slightly damper than usual at Bhuj and more or less dry in other places. Wind was north-westerly at Bhavnagar Para while calms and north-easterly breezes prevailed elsewhere. Yesterday's maximum was 4° hotter than usual at Veraval and last night's minimum 5° to 10° cooler in Central India West and at Bhuj, Bhavnagar Para, Ahmedabad and Deesa.

Central Provinces.—There is light cloud at Akola but elsewhere skies remain perfectly clear. Humidity has increased at Raipur and is below normal in all other places. Wind was northerly at Nagpur and Raipur while calms and north-easterly or south-easterly breezes prevailed elsewhere. Weather both during thy and the day night was generally cooler than usual throughout the district.

Konkan.—Cloud has has increased considerably and the sky is now overcast at Bombay and lightly or moderately clouded at Mormugoa and Karwar. The air contains the amount of moisture in excess of normal at Karwar and moderately in defect elsewhere. The direction of air movement is easterly or north-easterly throughout the district. Weather both during day and night was better than usual.

Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear at Malegaon. Ahmednagar and and Poona but elsewhere they are nearly overcast or moderately clouded. Wined was blowing from a north-easterly direction at Malegaon, Bijapur and Aurangabad while calm was recorded in all other places. Maximum temperature varied but slightly from normal while the minimum temperature was about normal or 2° hotter at Belgaum and Hyderabad and 3° to 7° cooler at all the remaining stations. Humidity is about normal at Sholapur and more or less in defect elsewhere.

General Remarks.—A small depression is shown by the abnormal chart to exist on and off the South Coromandel Coast and weather there and also in Ceylon and along the Coast from Ratnagiri to Cochin and at and about Bangalore, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly is in an unsettled condition.

J. N. PARKER,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 30th Nov. on 1,768·25 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipt.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated).	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week ...	1,74,000	2,40,000	7,000	4,21,000
Or per mile of Railway	98	136	4	238
For previous 21 weeks of half-year ...	37,32,919	59,25,905	1,46,668	98,05,492
Total for 22 weeks...	39,06,919	61,65,905	1,53,668	102,26,492
Comparison. Total for corresponding Week of previous year	1,44,711	3,81,021	8,049	5,33,781
Per mile of Ry do.	82	215	5	309
Total to corresp date do.	37,34,207	56,15,884	1,41,003	94,91,094

Decrease for the week .. Rs. 1,12,781
Increase to date..... „ 7,34,798

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BY THE WAY.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE OXFORD UNION.

One Nonconformist follows another in the Presidency of the Oxford Union Society, and next term Mr. Armour's place will be taken by Mr. C. T. Le Quesne, a scholar of Exeter College. Mr. Le Quesne is the second Channel Islander within the last few years to capture the chair of the Union. As second-in-command M

THE TWO SERVICES.

The demand for an inquiry "into to scope and effects of the recent changes in the Navy" has received a slight impetus by the publication of Sir Frederick Richards's letter, which was read at the recent banquet of the London Chamber of Commerce. It is, indeed, a very guarded expression of opinion, and needs not a little pruning before it can be twisted into the recommendation of an appointment of a commission at an early date. The public memory is proverbially short, but we have a vivid recollection of the remarkes which Sir Frederick Richards was reported to have made when a retired admiral supported the demand for an inquiry into the naval administration of Lord Goschen in 1896. However, we may pass over this "regrettable incident," remembering that, as Captain Mahan reminds us, even Lord St. Vincent, when he was verging on ninety, remarked regretfully to George IV., "the Navy isn't what it was." And, adds Mahan, "the worst of it is, this is perennially true. From period to period the gain exceeds, but still there has been loss as well; and to sentiment, ranging over the past, the loss stands more conspicuous." "Civis" has another letter in the "Spectator" of Saturday last, but as this writer is unable to add anything to the so-called facts and arguments which he contributed to the same journal last year, he rather weakens than strengthens his case, while the suggestion of the editor that the inquiry should be conducted by a small Royal Commission composed of "men, say, like Lord Cromer, Lord Curzon, Lord Rosebery, and the late Speaker of the House of Commons," is not likely to make the proposal more acceptable to the Government. And after all, as the "Standard" has to admit, it is the naval policy not only of this Government but of the late Government also, that "Civis" and his friends want inquired into. Indeed, if they are going back, as is apparently suggested by the reply of Sir Frederick Richards, to December, 1902, then the list of statesmen and naval authorties whose judgment it is proposed to call in question is a very long one indeed. The proposition is, in fact, entirely unconstitutional and unprecedented, and is evidently so regarded, not only by the Prime Minister, but by the leaders of the Opposition in both Houses.

THE QUESTION OF QUESTIONS.

"Are we ready for war?—we are most unready. We have not the ships; we have not the men; we have not the guns. Our ships are inadequate to meet the two Powers with which we might most easily become embroiled, to say nothing of a possible three. Our men are insufficient to man even the ships we have. The chief links that hold together our Empire overseas are partly unarmed and partly ungarrisoned. . . . Supposing that war were to be declared to-morrow, our most powerful squadron in commission would be found in the Mediterranean. If our enemy were Germany or the United States, this squadron would be out of the game, and in no position to strike an early or crushing blow such as would have great effect on the progress of the war. . . . The question arises whether we should not readjust our dispositions to meet the new situation. . . . Our whole Admiralty system appears expressly designed to be unready for war. Nobody is responsible for the sufficiency of our naval preparations, and nobody is responsible for the systematic employment of what preparation there is." This is a remarkably strong and sweeping indictment of Admiralty policy. Nothing stronger has been said about the policy of the present Board, for, strange as it may appear to the agitators of to-day, this was not written about the administration of the Navy as conducted under Lord Tweedmouth, but the administration of the Navy under Lord Goschen. It was supported by quotations from the "Naval Annual," from the works of the late Admiral Colomb and Sir William Laird Clowes, and from the writtings of Mr H. W. Wilson, Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, and Sir Charles Dilke. Moreover, in reviewing the book in which it appeared, our contemporary, the "Morning Post," not only endorsed the charges thus made, but added:—"The influences that resist reform at the Admiralty are exceedingly potent, and Mr. Staevens clearly states the nature of the issue upon which more than upon any other turns the future of the British Empire." Those influences that resist reform are still at work, but they are now cuts de the Admiralty.

THE COMING ESTIMATES.

We are afraid that a store of trouble is being laid up for Mr. Haldane, and that considerable apprehension and difficulty prevail in Government circles at the present time, the Estimates of the coming year being now under consideration. We have seen our admirals lately in quite a fighting mood, and on some occasions Mr. Haldane himself has shown a spirit which some people consider quite bellicose. Mr. Steed and the peace crusaders are beginning to despair of him, and they all point to the tendency which they perceive in his attitude. A strong body of supporters of the Government has made a demand for retrenchment, upon grounds which soldiers know to be altogether insufficient and dangerous, but the demand is serious nevertheless. The "Manchester Guardian," which is a supporter of the Government, says that Imperialists and anti-Imperialists, Socialists and Co-operators, are all anxious to see next year's Army Estimates reduced, and is unkind enough to add that Mr. Haldane is certainly the first Secretary of War who has succeeded in reducing the establishment by 30,000 men without effecting any substantial reduction in the pay vote.

ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL.

Mr. Haldane's policy of making things pleasant all round "agrees ill with the character for frugality which he claimed for himself the other day." He remarked recently that he had been saving up for the Territorial Army, and had "lot of money" for its purposes. The situation is undoubtedly grave, because, as we have before pointed out, while money is spent upon the Territorial Army liberally, and demands are made for reduced naval and military expenditure, there are only two sources from which this money can come. The expenditure must be taken either away from the Regular Army, which is the force we have available for the land defence of the Empire, or it must come off the Navy Estimates, which are so important in all matters of Imperial defence. One or other of these, or possibly both, must be sacrificed unless Mr. Haldane and his colleagues hold a very firm front against those who are clamouring for reductions. We give him credit for knowing that present expenditure is the wheast economy, because it will prevent war, or at any rate will abridge it. He himself feels the difficulty, and has asked his supporters to bear with him for a time. He has pleaded with them not to spoil the ship of the Territorial Army "for a ha'porth of tar." Latterly he has had very little to say about the Regular Army, which, after all, is the chief consideration.

ANOTHER DANGER.

We have reason to believe, or at least to fear, that another attack may be made upon the Regular Army unless very strong influences are brought to bear. It will be remembered that outside the Expeditionary Force, there are certain batallions which do not belong to it. We do not know whether an envious eye has been cast upon these units, but it is possible. Mr. Haldane knows well that much expenditure is caused by the maintenance of garrisons abroad and the many supporters of the Government would be quite willing to bring home troops from India or South Africa. We have information on the highest authority that a redistribution and reduction of the South African garrison has already been decided upon. The changes in view point to the removal of the Army headquarter staff from Pretoria to Cape Town, and the present garrisons of the Orange River and Transvaal Colonies, which include Pretoria, Potchefstroom, Standerton, Bloemfontein, and Harrismith, may be withdrawn. We hear a rumour that it is contemplated to establish cantonments for 8,000 men at Port Elizabeth and 2,000 at East London while the self-government of the Colonies is getting into working order, and this change will made easier subsequent reductions. It is possible that the troops in Middleburg and Cape Colony will receive a portion of the absorptions from the self-governing Colonies. Doubtless the moving of troops may confer some advantage upon Cape Colony and Middleburg. Port Elizabeth, and East London are railway bases, but with the exception of the first-named, the distances to be traversed from these places before reaching the border of Cape Colony is roughly some 400 miles. Neither Port Elizabeth nor East London can provide adequate training grounds, and consequently this redistribut on has a political object and is intended to bring about some military economies. N tive unrest is evidently being regarded as a bogey, or is to be left to our new colonists to settle for themselves. The Army will take note of these facts and watch future developments with a good deal of concern.

THE Rev. F. O. Harris, Vicar of Ludwell, Wiltshire, is arranging to make use of the Sunday School as a men's clubroom for the winter. He is lending his own billiard table "and other games" until the club can buy its own, and it is hoped, "if funds permit," to take in several newspapers and provide free tobacco for all who care to smoke. Membership is confined to those who have been confirmed while those who have attended Holy Communion at the parish church twelve times in as many months previous to joining shall be admitted free.

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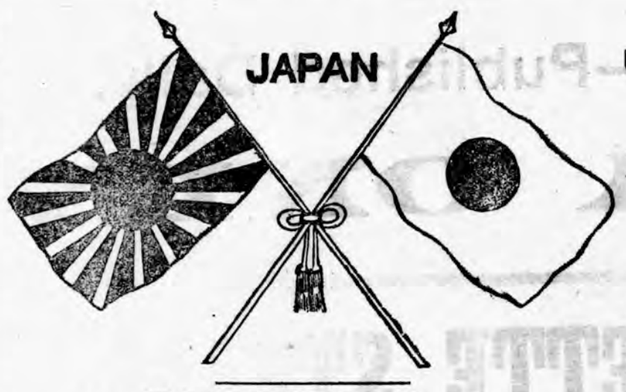

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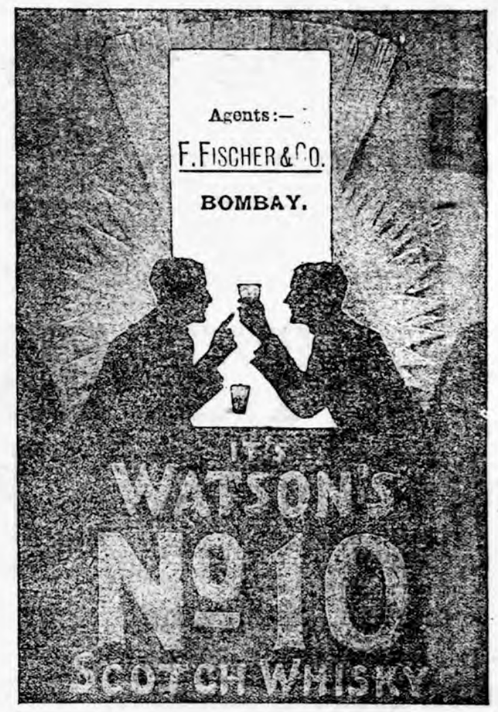

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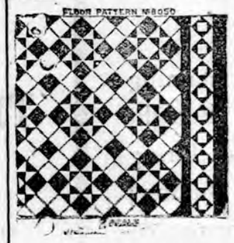

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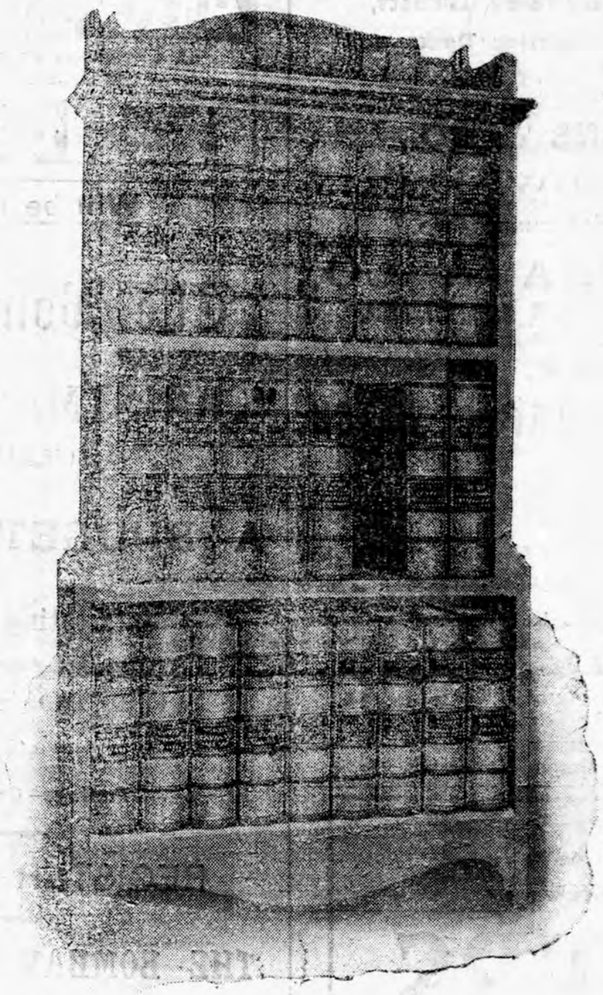

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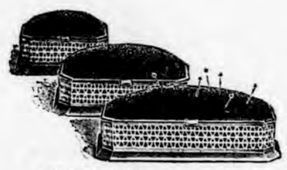

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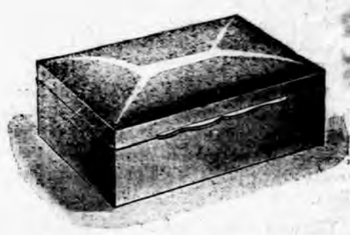

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